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Rumsfeld To Critics: 'Back Off'

Defense secretary says U.S. won't enforce Iraqi deadlines

WASHINGTON | Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday that critics should "just back off" on demands for deadlines in Iraq and that it is difficult to predict when Iraqis will resume control of their country.

At a Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld said benchmarks for security, political and economic progress that U.S. and Iraqi officials have been discussing are valuable because "you are in effect establishing priorities."

But he said the timelines have no specific deadlines, or consequences if goals are not met by specific dates. "You're looking for some sort of a guillotine to come falling down if some date isn't met. That is not what this is about," Rumsfeld told reporters.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad announced in Baghdad on Tuesday that Iraqi leaders had agreed that by the end of the year, they will have a plan that roughly lays out the times by which they want certain things accomplished. His announcement came two weeks before elections for control of Congress in which President Bush's stewardship of the increasingly unpopular war in Iraq has become a top issue. (AP)

DRIVING | Crash Test A Portage, Ind., woman trying to get her driver's license crashed Tuesday — right into the license branch. The woman was pulling into a parking spot outside the branch when she hit the accelerator instead of the brake, officials said.

FAILED

The car jumped a small curb and went into the building, tearing out a large glass window and damaging a door and low brick wall. A person in the building sustained a hip injury and was examined by emergency medical personnel. (AP) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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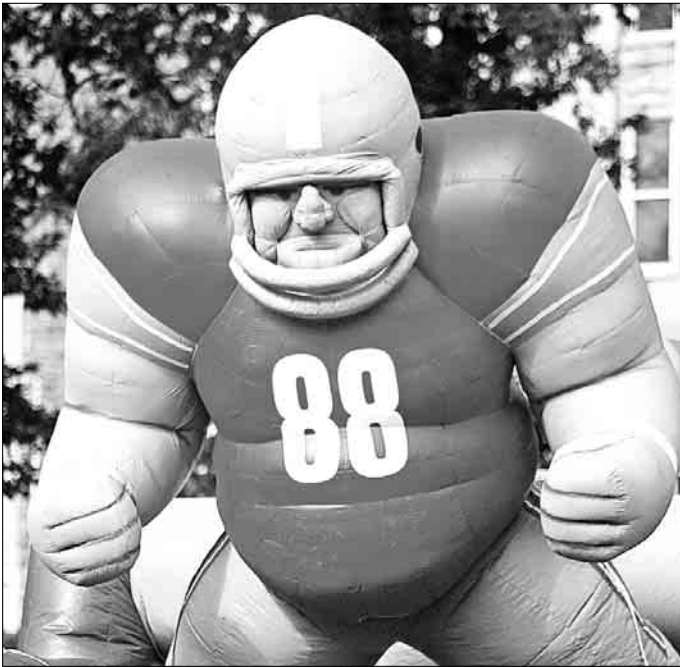
His Punishment: Reprimand, Noogies

A Livingston, Mont., high school principal received a six-day suspension and a letter of reprimand for giving one of his students a wedgie. Eric Messerli pulled a Park High School senior's soccer jersey over his head and yanked upward on the waistband of the boy's underwear at a soccer game Oct. 5. Other school officials said he was joking around with the student and did it playfully. He was suspended for two days without pay and four days with pay before the school board decided Monday to let him return. He tearfully told the board: "I've made mistakes in my life, but none have had the impact that this one has had." (AP)

PORNO

This Administration Is a Little Too 'Social'

The Web site for the Swedish Social Administration failed to take advantage of a new law allowing Swedish letters in Web site names. As a result, a hardcore porn site took the URL with the agency's name Monday, the Local reported. Försäkringskassan, the name of the organization, has the domain name www.forsakringskassan.se. But when the administration became eligible to register the Swedish letters in the name, www.försäkringskassan.se was already taken by a business offering "fetish," "hardcore," "ethnic" or "amateur" movies. "We've spent all afternoon trying to get the site down," said Försäkringskassan spokesman Robin Lapidus. (EXPRESS)



DORAL CHENOWETH III/AP

HOME COMING

Pumped Up

When you see your old college friends during homecoming events, you're usually somewhat taken aback by how different everyone looks — older, and, usually, uh, fatter. Driving home the point at Ohio State University's homecoming week events in Columbus on Monday was this rather chunky inflatable football player. Not pictured were all the inflatable football player's inflatable friends, gathered in a circle whispering about how this guy had "really let himself go." (EXPRESS)



Who is letting these children read this sexually suggestive, pornographic filth?

SUPERHEROES

OK for Children, Not OK for Teenagers

A Long Beach, N.Y., high school principal has decreed that Captain Underpants has no place in his school. Three 17-year-old girls were told to leave Long Beach High School on Wednesday after they showed up on Superhero Day costumed as the subject of the best-selling children's books. "I didn't know which superhero it was, not that it mattered," said Principal Nicholas Restivo. (AP)



FALL BACK: Most Americans will get a chance at an extra hour of sleep this weekend, as the clocks fall back to standard time. It's the last time this will happen in October. Thanks to a law passed last year, daylight-saving time will end the first Sunday in November starting in 2007.

Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

HRC Fires Employee For Exposing Foley E-Mails

The Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group, has fired an employee who admitted to the first publication on a Web site of Rep. Mark Foley's e-mails to a former male page. The e-mails and later disclosures of sexually explicit messages forced Foley to resign and sparked an election-year scandal for the GOP. The site first published on Sept. 24 Foley's e-mails to a former page from Louisiana. HRC cited the employee for improper use of the group's resources. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Probe Over Tainted Spinach Narrows to Wild Pig Ranch

Wild pigs may have spread deadly bacteria onto a California spinach field, sparking an outbreak that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others nationwide. They also said the outbreak appears to be over. No one has become ill from eating contaminated spinach since Sept. 25. State and federal investigators have narrowed their focus to the ranch, where boar trampled fences that had hemmed in a spinach field. (AP)

Walk Off That Cold

→ Could exercise be the cure for the common cold? A new study suggests that a benefit of regular exercise is a reduced chance of getting sick. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Bush Signs Border Fence Measure

Law approves 700 miles of partitions on U.S.-Mexico border

WASHINGTON | President Bush wanted an exchange of workers with Mexico to bring order to the border, but wound up signing a law Thursday that approves partitioning 700 miles of the United States from its southern neighbor.

The administration once talked of "orderly migration" — workers entering the United States and returning to Mexico or other countries when their jobs were finished. But political realities have replaced phrases like that with "border security" and plans for fences, surveillance cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles and watch towers.

Bush still wants a guest-worker



Members of the National Guard help fill in a trench where a portion of border wall will be built in San Ysidro, Calif., along the U.S.-Mexico border on Thursday.

program. But the toughest resistance to that idea has come from his own Republican Party — and has inten-

sified as the midterm elections have drawn near.

His White House signing cere-

mony for the new fence law — just 12 days before the Nov. 7 elections — gave Republicans something to point to as they try to convince voters their party would do a better job of cracking down on illegal immigrants and keeping criminals and terrorists out.

The new law also gives the Department of Homeland Security up to 18 months to achieve "operational control" of the border, defined as preventing all illegal entries into the U.S. by land or water.

The bill didn't come with any new funding, and the \$1.2 billion that Congress previously approved is not enough to build the full 700 miles of proposed double-layer fence.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Congress will add more money each year to erect the fence.

SUZANNE GAMBOA (AP)

Heavy Blizzard Leaves Colo. Buried

Snowstorm dumps 20 inches, stalls flights and closes highways

DENVER | The biggest October snowstorm to hit Colorado in several years dumped up to 20 inches Thursday, grounding flights, closing highways, knocking out electricity — and jump-starting the ski season.

At one point, snow was falling at a rate of about 3 inches an hour in Denver. A 125-mile corridor from



Cars follow a Colorado Department of Transportation plow on Thursday.

Colorado Springs to the New Mexico line was under a blizzard warning.

The storm began late Wednesday and turned highways wet and slushy in cities from Pueblo to Colorado Springs and Denver to Fort Collins.

Idaho Springs, about 25 miles west of Denver, reported more than 20 inches. Some Denver suburbs received up to 10 inches. Denver International Airport, which got 5 inches, canceled more than 100 flights. DAN ELLIOT (AP)

Bush Shines As GOP Fundraiser

WARREN, MICH. | With precious air time still left to buy before Election Day, President Bush raised money Thursday for two Republican candidates facing Democratic incumbents in an uphill year for the GOP.

The president was in the final days of a nearly two-year-long effort of fundraising for dozens of Republican candidates. Bush has raised more than \$193 million in nearly 90 events, according to the Republican National Committee. (AP)

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PLACE YOUR BETS: Odds favor the Republican Party to retain control of at least one house of Congress in elections next month, British bookmaker Ladbrokes said Thursday. Ladbrokes favors President Bush's party to retain control of the Senate, but to lose control of the House of Representatives to the Democrats.

4 Firefighters Killed in Calif. Blaze

Arson prompts mass evacuation; hundreds stranded at RV park

POPPET FLAT, CALIF. | A wind-whipped wildfire started by an arsonist killed four firefighters Thursday and stranded up to 400 people in an RV park when flames burned to the edge of the only road out, officials said.

"Everybody is hunkered down here. They're fighting the fire around us. It's across the street from us," said Charles Van Brunt, a ranger at the station at the entrance to Silent Valley Club, the recreational vehicle park near Palm Springs. The residents were in no immediate danger, he said.

Authorities asked people in the RV park to stay put to leave the roads clear for firefighters. Hundreds of others in the area were forced from their homes.

Fire officials said the fire was deliberately set around 1 a.m. and offered a \$100,000 reward. Fire



California Department of Forestry firefighters wait for a wildfire as it jumps Highway 243 in Banning, Calif., on Thursday. Police say the blazes were set deliberately.

Chief John Hawkins said the arson "constitutes murder."

The Forest Service crew was trying to protect a house as dry desert winds of 25 mph or more blew a wall of flames down on them in the hills

northwest of Palm Springs.

Three firefighters died at the scene and two were hospitalized in critical condition. One of those two died several hours later. The other had burns over 95 percent of

his body, Boss said.

The last time four firefighters died battling a blaze was July 10, 2001, fighting a fire in a remote canyon in Washington's Okanogan National Forest.

Thick smoke blanketed the small RV park off Highway 243, where as many as 400 people were stranded, authorities said. TV footage showed some vehicles racing through flames and smoke just before firefighters closed the road.

The cause of the wildfire was not immediately clear. It started early Thursday, burning in a valley with a few scattered ranch homes. The hamlets of Poppet Ranch and Twin Pines were evacuated along with a juvenile detention center, Twin Pines Boys Ranch.

Evacuations were ordered, and by early morning, about 200 people had left their homes. Officials worried the flames could reach an area of the San Bernardino National Forest where a bark beetle infestation had killed trees that could easily fuel a blaze. GILLIAN FLACCUS (AP)

Marine Pleads Guilty to Assault On Iraqi Civilian

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. | A Marine pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice in the death of an Iraqi civilian last April.

Pfc. John J. Jodka III, 20, was one of seven Marines and a Navy corpsman initially charged with murder, kidnapping, conspiracy, assault and housebreaking in the killing of 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad in the Iraqi town of Hamdania.

The Navy corpsman charged in the case, Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J. Bacos, pleaded guilty earlier this month to kidnapping and conspiracy and also testified.

At his court-martial, Bacos testified that he and the Marines were searching for a known insurgent, but instead captured Awad and killed him. (AP)



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"I don't see any large pressure from public opinion on us. I am not at all in despair."

—Hungarian PM Ferenc Gyurcsany, on the recent wave of anti-government protests in Hungary

In Brief



Russians light candles in memory of victims of the theater raid in Moscow.

MOSCOW

Mourners Mark Anniversary Of Chechen Theater Siege

Hundreds of mourners held a memorial Thursday for the 130 people killed after Chechen rebels seized a Moscow theater four years ago this week, laying flowers, lighting prayer candles and releasing balloons in the air. In addition to the dead hostages, 41 rebels were killed in the three-day siege in 2002. Most of the victims were killed on the last day when Russian security forces pumped gas into the theater to knock out the attackers, then stormed the theater. (AP)

KISMAYO, SOMALIA

Islamic Militia Seizes Town, But Pledges to Attend Talks

Islamic militiamen seized another town near the government's base in Somalia, but one of the group's leaders dispelled fears that an attack was imminent, saying Thursday it would attend peace talks next week in Sudan. Meanwhile, the government claimed that three of its lawmakers were kidnapped by members of the Islamic militia about 20 miles outside Baidoa, the only town under weak government controls. (AP)

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Court Throws Out Lawsuit Over Muhammad Drawings

A Danish court rejected a lawsuit Thursday against the newspaper that first printed the controversial Prophet Muhammad cartoons that sparked worldwide protests. The City Court in Aarhus rejected claims by seven Danish Muslim groups that the 12 drawings printed in the Jyllands-Posten daily were meant to insult the prophet and make a mockery of Islam. (AP)

U.S. Death Toll in Iraq Rises to 96

October military casualties hit highest monthly level in a year

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | U.S. casualties rose to their highest monthly level in a year on Thursday, and 30 police and militants perished in a series of running gunbattles in Baqouba, a chaotic city north of Baghdad.

The U.S. military spokesman, meanwhile, said the capital's spiraling murder rate had eased since the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan early this week — possibly because of the massive deployment of U.S. troops searching for a missing soldier.

Police in Baqouba said at least 42 people were injured in the fighting there, while in Najaf, south of Baghdad, authorities temporarily closed Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine after receiving a tip that suicide bombers wearing explosives belts had infiltrated city.

The military released news of



ON THE JOB: U.S. soldiers from the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team guard a checkpoint on the edge of Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City on Thursday.

five new American deaths, those of a Navy sailor and four Marines, all of whom died in fighting Wednesday in the volatile Anbar province, west of Baghdad and a hotbed of the Sunni

resistance to U.S. forces and their Iraqi government allies.

At least 96 U.S. troops have died so far this month, equaling the level for the whole of October

2005 — a factor in rising anti-war sentiment in the United States that has prompted calls for President Bush to change strategy.

Their have been only three months in which more U.S. forces died: 107 in January 2005; at least 135 in April 2004, and 137 in November 2004.

U.S. officials have said October's higher death toll was linked to a historical spike in violence during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, additional U.S. military vulnerability because of the security drive in Baghdad and the coming American midterm elections.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles from the capital, marks the latest outbreak of bloodshed involving militants believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hardline anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Ghassan al-Bawi, police chief of surrounding Diyala province, said those killed included 12 police officers and 18 gunmen. (AP)

Nicaraguan Abortion Ban Bill Passes

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA | Nicaragua's Congress voted Thursday to ban all abortions, including those that could save a mother's life.

If signed into law by President Enrique Bolanos, the measure would eliminate a century-old exception to Nicaragua's abortion ban that permits the procedure if three doctors certify that the woman's health is at risk.

Bolanos has proposed increasing prison sentences for illegal abortions to 10 to 30 years for women

who have the procedure as well as those who assist them.

But it was unclear whether he would sign the bill approved Thursday after lawmakers decided not to increase the penalties in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

The bill has drawn protests from women's rights groups, and the Women's Autonomous Movement has said it was prepared to seek an injunction to block the measure if it passed. (AP)

Seoul Moves to Begin Sanctions

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | South Korea made its first concrete move Thursday to enforce U.N. sanctions imposed on North Korea for its nuclear test, saying it will ban officials from the communist country who fall under a U.N. travel restriction and control financial transactions between the rivals.

The U.N. resolution, passed in response to the North's underground nuclear blast on Oct. 9, seeks to ban the country's weapons trade and calls for North Korean ships to be searched for illegal materials.

Seoul had been hesitant to take strong measures to support the sanctions, mindful of North Korea's massive armed forces poised at the border, its cultural ties, and its wish to expand economic relations with its neighbor. (AP)

French Torch Buses Ahead of Anniversary

PARIS | Youths forced passengers off three buses and set the buses on fire in suburban Paris in nighttime attacks ahead of the first anniversary of riots in France's poor, heavily immigrant housing projects.

No injuries were reported, but worried bus drivers refused to enter some areas after dark Thursday, and the prime minister urged a swift, stern response.

Last year's riots raged through housing projects on the outskirts of cities nationwide, springing in part from anger over entrenched discrimination against immigrants and their French-born children, many of them Muslims from former French colonies in Africa.

Despite an influx of funds and promises since then, disenchantment still thrives in those communities.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, a leading contender for



A French investigator inspects the charred remains of a bus Wednesday.

next year's presidential elections whose hard-line stance has angered many in the neighborhoods, promised to track down those who set the buses on fire.

France's inability to better integrate minorities and recent violence are becoming major political issues as the campaign heats up for next year's presidential and parliamentary elections. CECILE BRISSON (AP)

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World

Afghan Civilians Die in NATO Strike

Local officials claim dozens are killed in anti-Taliban offensive

LAY KUNDI, AFGHANISTAN | Dozens of civilians were killed in a NATO military strike against suspected Taliban militants, Afghan officials said Thursday. Villagers fled the southern region by car and donkey, and hundreds attended a funeral for some 20 people buried in a mass grave.

The civilian deaths — estimated by Afghan officials at between 30 and 85, including many women and children — are among the highest number in any foreign military action here since the fall of the Taliban and could turn residents against the counterinsurgency campaign.

NATO said a preliminary review found that 12 civilians were killed in the clashes Tuesday in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar province, the Taliban's former southern stronghold. But the alliance could not say whether they had died because of Taliban or NATO action.

Maj. Luke Knittig, a spokesman



for NATO's International Security Assistance Force, said up to 70 militants may have been killed in three clashes. The fighting took place in or around the villages of Lay Kundi and Mirwisa Mina.

Knittig said Taliban fighters attacked NATO forces, and that return artillery fire and airstrikes were aimed at militants.

Bismallah Afghanmal, a provincial council member, said fighters fled into civilian homes, which NATO forces then attacked.

Death tolls in remote military action in Afghanistan are difficult to pin down, and estimates often vary widely. Also in question is who can be considered a civilian and who is a fighter. ALLAUDDIN KHAN (AP)

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BOLIVIA | TRADITIONAL NOTES



CELEBRATORY: Children play traditional instruments at the Palacio Quemado in La Paz, Bolivia, on Thursday during a ceremony to launch an annual education bond of about \$30 million to benefit schoolchildren. The event also celebrated the 47th birthday of Bolivian President Evo Morales.

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Money

New Home Prices Plummet Sharply

Median price drops to \$217,000, a 9.7% dip from September '05

WASHINGTON | Is this what a housing bust looks like? New home prices fell last month by the largest amount in 35 years and owners are being warned to brace for further declines, especially in formerly hot markets.

After years of increases, some buyers say prices are still out of their range.

The Commerce Department reported that the median price for a new home sold in September was \$217,000, a decline of 9.7 percent from September 2005.

That was the lowest median home price in two years and the sharpest year-over-year decline since December 1970, providing dramatic evidence of the slowdown in the once-booming housing market.

The price decline for new homes followed a report Wednesday that prices in the much bigger existing home sales market also dropped on a year-over-year basis in September by 2.5 percent, the largest decline



Data show home sales activity is down 14.2 percent from a year ago.

in records going back nearly four decades.

The price decline for new homes in September came while the sales pace picked up, rising by 5.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate 1.075 million homes.

It was the second consecutive increase in sales following three months of declines. But even with the improvement, sales activity is down 14.2 percent from a year ago.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)



HIT SHOWING: Comcast Corp., the U.S.'s biggest cable TV company, said Thursday its profit soared in the third quarter, bolstered by its acquisition of a former rival's cable assets. Comcast reported net income of \$1.22 billion in the quarter ending Sept. 30 versus \$222 million a year ago.

Exxon Reports Earnings of \$10.49B

Oil company's take marks second-largest quarterly profit ever

DALLAS | Oil industry behemoth Exxon Mobil's earnings rose to \$10.49 billion in the third quarter, the second-largest quarterly profit ever recorded by a publicly traded U.S. company.

The report Thursday comes as high crude prices this year

have fueled record profits in the oil industry, triggering an outcry from consumers who were being asked to pay about \$3 a gallon for gasoline in early August.

The largest quarterly profit ever was Exxon Mobil Corp.'s \$10.71 billion profit in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The company may beat that next quarter, said Howard Silverblatt Standard & Poor's Senior Index Analyst. "Then in all likelihood

they will be at that \$40 billion mark for the year," he said.

That would put the company on track for the highest annual profit ever by a U.S. company.

Although crude oil prices began to decline toward the end of the third quarter, the average market price for crude held at around \$70. Oil futures prices have recently traded near \$61 a barrel, and gasoline prices have dropped to an average of about \$2.43 a gallon. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Harman	105.50	+17.23	+19.5
Navteq	33.59	+4.64	+16.0
Ivanhoe	11.20	+1.49	+15.3
LSI Log	9.53	+1.18	+14.1
DoverDGs	14.45	+1.78	+14.0

Losers

NavicCons	17.45	-2.26	-11.5
CarpTech	105.50	-13.59	-11.4
GraniteC	54.51	-6.62	-10.8
DollarTh	39.61	-4.69	-10.6
CatalMktg	25.80	-2.62	-9.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.98	4.97
2-year	4.81	4.87
10-year	4.72	4.79
30-year	4.84	4.91

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Spherix	2.02	+51	+33.8
Zygo	16.01	+2.88	+21.9
TeleTech	19.14	+3.33	+21.1
Harmonic	8.53	+1.47	+20.8
Iomai	5.22	+35	+7.2

Losers

Renovis	3.43	-10.77	-75.8
Aetrium	3.52	-1.89	-34.9
RedHat	14.83	-4.68	-24.0
NetLogic	19.01	-5.49	-22.4
Luminex	16.00	-4.18	-20.7

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5289	.5321	.5637
Canadian Dollar	1.1230	1.1254	1.1709
European Euro	.7878	.7927	.8284
Japanese Yen	118.39	118.98	115.84
Mexican Peso	10.7265	10.7864	10.8990
Taiwanese Dollar	33.26	33.28	33.61

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+28.98	+22.51	+6.86
+0.24	+0.96	+0.50
12163.66	2379.10	1389.08

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	47.89	-.39	+21.5
Allergan	116.65	+.91	+8.0
AstraZen	61.38	-4.99	+26.3
BarrPhm	51.44	-.59	-17.4
BrMySq	24.53	-.13	+6.7
ForestLab	48.55	+.47	+19.3
Hospira	37.77	-.01	-11.7
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	68.82	-.01	+14.5
LillyEli	57.29	-.20	+1.2
Merck	46.21	+.14	+45.3
Pfizer	27.28	-.15	+17.0
SchergPl	22.78	-.01	+9.3
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Wyeth	52.62	+.22	+14.2

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TROUBLED YOUTH: District officials are being urged to look into staffing at the city's Oak Hill Youth Center. Current and former staffers say dismissals at the juvenile detention facility in Laurel, Md., threaten the safety of those housed there.

Local



Former state Attorney General Mark Earley walks Thursday out of the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Va., past a smoker in a designated smoking area.

Kaine Bans Smoking In Most Va. Buildings

Restriction, effective Jan. 1, also to include government vehicles

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Kaine on Thursday ordered that smoking be banned in almost all state buildings and vehicles, making good on hints he gave earlier this summer that he would take that historic action.

The move marks a milestone for the state, which serves as the home to Philip Morris, the world's largest cigarette company. Kaine's action indicates that Virginia is moving away from its 400-year history with the tobacco leaf and its byproducts.

Effective Jan. 1, the state's 100,000 employees will not be allowed to smoke inside of state agency buildings. Smoking will

also not be allowed in the fleet of cars and trucks that the state owns. The order does not affect the state legislature or the judiciary, which are both co-equal branches of government over which Kaine's authority is not as clear. The ban also does not cover state troopers smoking in their government-owned cars.

Kaine does not support legislation that would ban smoking in private businesses, saying that would be an overreach of government regulation. But he has said employers — such as the state government — should lead by example because of the negative health effects of second-hand smoke.

Advocates for the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association praised Kaine's action. MICHAEL D. SHEAR (AP)

Site Maps Crimes in D.C.

Police offering online resource for tracking illegal activity in city

WASHINGTON | A new Web site launched by police allows users to select maps of city neighborhoods and see what crimes happened on certain blocks at various times.

While most police departments make crime information available, the new site offers easy and customized access. Users can visit <http://crimemap.dc.gov> and enter an address or police district, or choose from a list of geographical landmarks like schools or churches.

A list then appears with a breakdown of different violent crimes and property crimes based on the period the user selected, from one month to two years ago.

Users can choose to map out the information with icons representing each type of crime. A Zorro-like mask means an armed robbery happened on that block, the

letter 'S' means sexual abuse and an assortment of other icons tell of muggings, thefts and arsons.

"Some people may think that if you tell people about crime in their neighborhood, they will be scared off," police spokesman Kevin Morison said. "We think if we give people information, they will be prepared."

Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey said he believes increasing the level of crime awareness will make neighborhoods safer. (AP)

Police Identify Woman Shot to Death in Her Car

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Police have identified the woman shot to death Wednesday at an intersection in Alexandria.

Bethlehem Ayele, 34, was waiting at a stoplight when an unidentified suspect walked up to her vehicle and shot her.

The Alexandria woman's vehicle moved across the intersection and struck a utility pole after she was shot. She was pronounced dead at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Police are looking for witnesses who were near the intersection of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon avenues about 10:15 p.m.

They're hoping to get information that may help them determine a motive or identify a suspect. (AP)

Witness victim: Police say Ayele, who testified in a major federal drug trial, was targeted. **Today's Post, Metro**

In Brief

WASHINGTON Worker Is Seriously Injured After Falling in Empty Shaft

A construction worker has been seriously injured after falling down an elevator shaft in Northwest. Fire and EMS officials said it happened at a home under construction in the 3500 block of Rittenhouse Street. The home has an elevator shaft, but the car hasn't been installed yet. Spokesman Alan Etter says the worker opened a door, apparently thinking he was walking into a closet, but fell three stories down the shaft instead. (AP)

WALDORF, MD. Cardin Does Not Attend a Voter Forum for NAACP

Democratic Senate candidate Ben Cardin has accused his Republican opponent, Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, of avoiding talk on the issues. But on Thursday, it was Cardin who wouldn't appear at an NAACP voters forum. Cardin's decision not to attend set off bickering among the campaigns about who does and doesn't want to debate. Forum planners invited Steele, Cardin and candidate Kevin Zeese for talk about the race for an open Senate seat. Thursday, the group found out Cardin wasn't coming. Cardin's absence is unlikely to make a big difference in the race. (AP)

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Daily 6 (Wed.)	10-17-19-30-34-36 (21)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	3-8-18-25-28 (4)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	0-6-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4	9-9-8-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-5-2-5
Match 5 (Wed.)	5-17-25-31-32 (4)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	4-18-19-24-32-42

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	2-0-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-4-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-4-9-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-2-6-3

Mid-day Cash 5	9-15-17-27-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	2-16-17-26-34
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Dream a Little Theme

It's tough trying to make sense of what's going on in your sleep

It is January 2009.

Imagine, for a moment, that the new president begins his inaugural address by saying he has written down and studied his dreams. With a level head, and without detouring into the psychic or prophetic, he says he hopes to understand himself better by doing some dreamwork.

Imagine the CNN ticker.

"I mean, how would that go over in the press?" says Gayle Delaney, who, for the past 30 years, has striv-



The dream team: A panel of experts analyzes the dreams of several readers. Plus: Learn techniques to better remember your dreams (so you can study them) this Sunday in The Washington Post. | **SUNDAY SOURCE**

en to mainstream dreamwork — the practice of sidestepping classical dream interpretation for a more nuanced, personalized meditation on one's dreams.

Delaney has been on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" (five times) and "Today." She is the founding president of the International



Trying to find meaning in dreams can be a meaningless exercise for some.

Association for the Study of Dreams. She has written books and virtually shorted out the lecture circuit in the United States and Europe. And still, many people think dreamwork is bosh and bunkum.

"Prejudice against dreaming is huge, in part because so much nonsense is written about it," Delaney says.

Ask any professional with dream

experience, and his or her message is clear: Ignore quick-fix dream "doctors" on TV and the Internet. Toss your conventional dream dictionaries to the curb — they are too strict, too patrician.

And their meanings? Meaningless.

It's common sense, really. Many people dream about cats, but not all dream that cats are manifestations



ALSO THIS SUNDAY

Caribbean Dreamin'

With balconies overlooking the beach, small, intimate resorts in Antigua are reviving old Caribbean charm for vacationers across the globe. | **Travel**

The Art of Uncertainty



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of one's mother.

"After all, a dream about a house must mean different things to a carpenter and an arsonist," says Karen Shanor, a clinical psychologist who runs a practice in Northwest D.C.

Dreams should be worked rather than cut and dried into categories, Shanor, Delaney and others say. No book — and no one — can tell you what your dreams mean, since one's dreaming life can be understood only in the context of one's waking life.

As Dr. Phil-ish as it sounds, dreamwork is a matter of self-therapy, of being open to the possibil-

ity that reflecting on your dreams may yield some holistic or entertaining insights.

"People would just as soon think that dreams are random activity in your cortex," Delaney says. "There are still huge swaths of movers and shakers whom I have as clients who say, 'If I tell anybody I've seen you, I'll have to deny it.'"

Oh, if those Hewlett-Packard knuckleheads had prefaced their morning meetings with a little dream analysis.

That scenario is not so crazy. Business schools and management training programs in England and India use dream therapists to help hone problem-solving skills. Working through a conflict in a dream scenario may have a practical application to one's waking life.

What about the skeptics, some of whom might still be reading this story (lips pursed, heads shaking)? How does Clara Hill, a professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Maryland respond to naysayers who invoke psychiatrist J. Allan Hobson's theory that dreaming is benign psychosis — a mostly random firing of neurons?

"They might be, but if you can use them therapeutically and it works, that's great," says Hill, who has conducted about 20 studies on dreaming. "So I get out of the argument that way. The research we've done so far is that people really can gain insight."

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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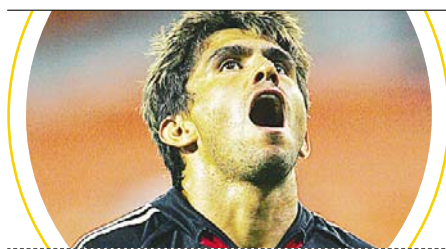
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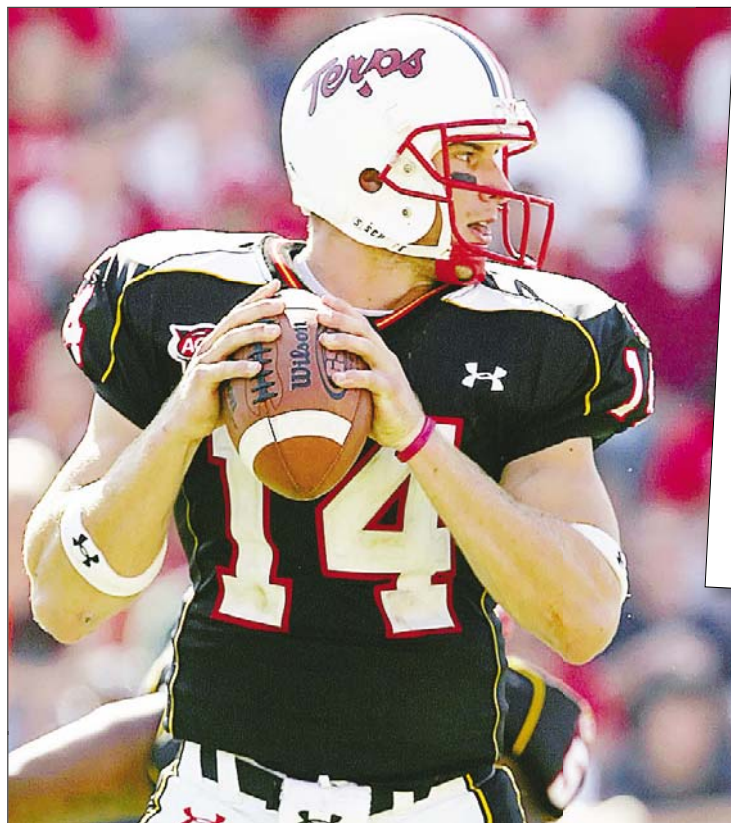
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Sports Weekend



QB Sam Hollenbach, left, must lead the Terps against a down Florida State team on Saturday. The only time Maryland has beaten the Seminoles was in 2004, right.

Seminole Moment

Terps are in a prime position to beat FSU for the 2nd time ever

TERPS FOOTBALL | For more than a decade, Florida State beat up on Maryland with all the mercilessness of a schoolyard bully. Thirteen straight times, the Terrapins went home from the game sporting black eyes and missing their lunch money.

But over the last few years, the once-overmatched Terrapins have been hitting the weights, maybe

drinking some milk, and giving the Seminoles an honest fight.

In 2004, Maryland beat Florida State for the first time and would have repeated the feat in 2005 if not for a fourth-quarter collapse.

On Saturday night, Maryland will find itself with another prime opportunity to pop Florida State, long one of the nation's premier programs, square in the nose.

"Obviously, I think we've closed the gap some," coach Ralph Friedgen said.

The Seminoles are in the middle of their worst season in recent

memory. At 4-3 (2-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) Florida State is staring mediocrity in the eye, and some boosters have gone so far as to call on the university to fire Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in college football history.

Meanwhile, in three weeks, Maryland (5-2, 2-1) has beaten Virginia and North Carolina State, nearly upset Georgia Tech and pulled within a victory of becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 2003.

Attitudes around College Park certainly are changing. Friedgen recalled a young man sticking his head out the window of a car driving past practice this week and yelling, "Beat the Seminoles!" The coach and the players noticed.

"I said, 'Two weeks ago, that guy was calling you every name in the book,'" Friedgen said. "They all laughed."

But they've brought a serious approach to game preparation this week. Florida State might be down, but players and coaches are quick to point out that its roster is full of blue-chip athletes who were embarrassed by last week's loss to Boston College and are looking for redemption on a prime-time national television game. The sermon Maryland coaches have preached

all week is that players must stay hungry, that they've accomplished nothing so far.

"Don't be satisfied, because one minute you're doing good and people will love you," safety Christian

3 BURNING QUESTIONS:

→ **Feel the rush?** The Terps generated a potent pass rush last week. If they can apply pressure up the middle, well-timed blitzes from the corners can wreak havoc on inconsistent Seminoles quarterback Drew Weatherford.

→ **Passing chance?** Maryland threw the ball only nine times in beating N.C. State. But Florida State has a stout run defense and an inexperienced secondary.

→ **Bad in black?** The black jerseys the Terrapins will wear Saturday haven't always brought them good luck. The Seminoles know the feeling. They debuted their own black jerseys in a disappointing loss a week ago.

Varner said. "But as soon as we lose and we're doing bad, then the knife is back at our throat."

This week, they'll be at home and donning the black jerseys reserved for special occasions — like, say, clinching bowl eligibility against a former bully. **DEREK TURNER**



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→ BATTLE OF THE BIG BOYS:

The elite teams in the NFL face off this week. The Ravens go to the Big Easy to play the surprising 5-1

Saints (1 p.m. on

CBS). TD machine Ronde Barber and the Buccaneers battle the resurgent Giants (1 p.m. on FOX). And the offensive-minded Colts square off with defensive Denver (4:15 p.m. on CBS).

→ **BRING BROOMS:** United needs a win or a tie to move on against the Red Bulls on Sunday (6 p.m. on ESPN2).

→ DON'T SLEEP IN SATURDAY:

The big college games occur as the clock strikes noon. Notre Dame battles Navy (CBS), Northwestern travels to Ann Arbor to play the No. 2 Wolverines (ESPN), and in another Big Ten affair, Penn State goes to Purdue to face off against the Boilermakers (ABC).

→ **UP TO MOTHER NATURE:** If the weather will allow it, we could have a World Series champion by the end of the weekend. Game 5 on Friday is in St. Louis (8 p.m. on FOX). If needed, the series will go back to chilly Detroit for Game 6 on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on FOX) and Game 7 on Sunday (7:30 p.m. on FOX).

→ **NORTH OF THE BORDER:** The Capitals and red-hot Alexander Semin continue their road trip, heading to Canada to play the Vancouver Canucks on Friday (10 p.m. on CSN) and the Edmonton Oilers on Saturday (10 p.m. on CSN).



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Mascot Bites Back? Smokey IX, the Volunteers' bluetick coonhound mascot, has been accused of biting an Alabama player before last week's game, according to an Associated Press report. Crimson Tide receiver Mike McCoy fell on the 3-year-old dog during pregame



warm-ups. What Smokey did next has been under debate this week. Alabama head coach Mike Shula claims the dog bit his player. Smokey's owner, Earl Hudson, claims otherwise, and Smokey, well, he just howls. "What dog worth his salt wouldn't defend himself?" Hudson said. (EXPRESS)

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Let's Take a Break

The 2-5 Redskins go home for the bye week needing the time off

REDSKINS | Looks of resignation. Fake smiles.

Wait, are the Redskins breaking up with you?

"I hope this break is going to help us," Washington cornerback Carlos Rogers said. "We need it — the coaches to get away from the players and the players to get away from the coaches — and maybe we can figure this thing out."

It's not working and you just leave like that? Come on, can't we talk about this?

Apparently, they already have.

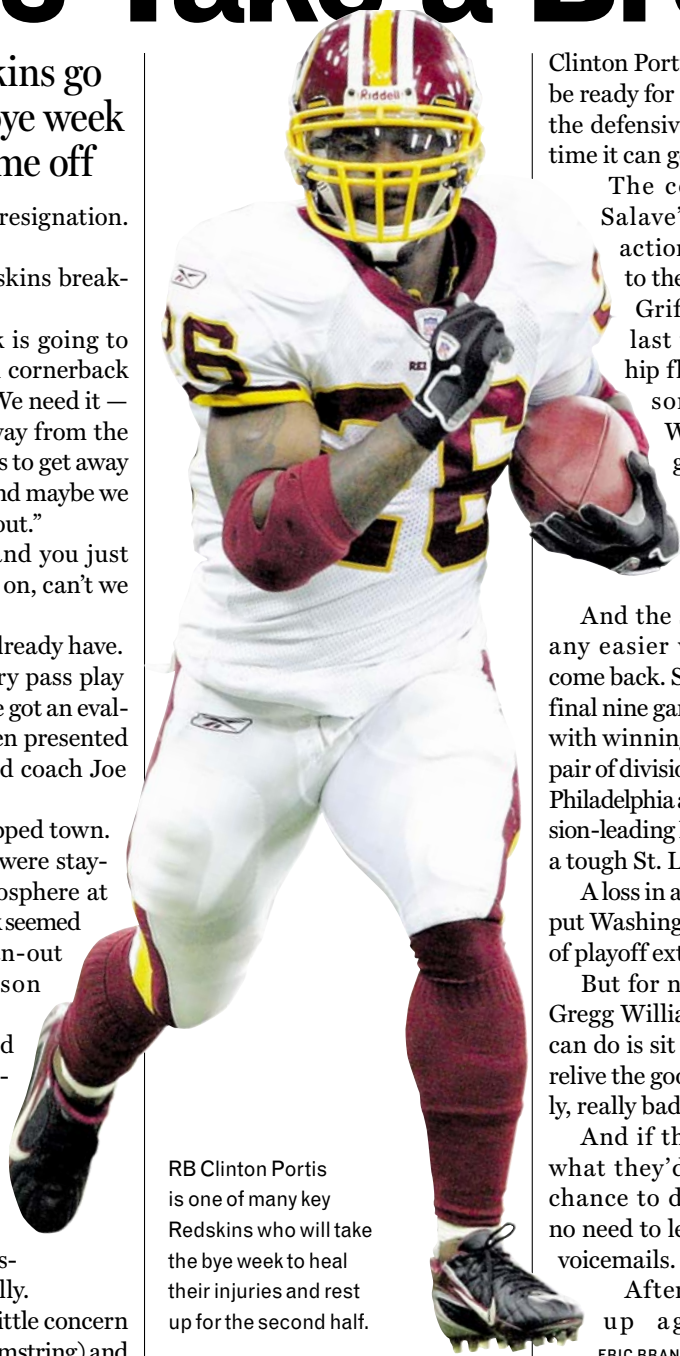
"We looked at every pass play and every run play. We got an evaluation of that and then presented it to the players," head coach Joe Gibbs said.

And then they skipped town. While they said they were staying positive, the atmosphere at Redskin Park this week seemed more like locker clean-out day than a midseason break.

Maybe this is a good thing. After all, relationships can be better examined with some distance.

For the players, the four-day break is a chance to heal — physically, if not emotionally.

And while there's little concern that Santana Moss (hamstring) and



RB Clinton Portis is one of many key Redskins who will take the bye week to heal their injuries and rest up for the second half.

Clinton Portis (swollen calf) won't be ready for Dallas next weekend, the defensive line can use all the time it can get.

The combination of Joe Salave'a, who returned to action in last week's loss to the Colts, and Cornelius Griffin, who missed the last two games due to a hip flexor injury, has been sorely missed during Washington's three-game losing streak, and opponents have averaged 153 rushing yards per game during that span.

And the schedule doesn't get any easier when the Redskins come back. Seven of Washington's final nine games are against teams with winning records, including a pair of divisional matchups against Philadelphia and road games at division-leading New Orleans (5-1) and a tough St. Louis (4-2) squad.

A loss in any of those games will put Washington (2-5) on the edge of playoff extinction.

But for now, all coordinators Gregg Williams and Al Saunders can do is sit in the film room and relive the good times and the reality, really bad.

And if they suddenly realize what they'd do if they had the chance to do it all over, there's no need to leave players rambling voicemails.

After all, practice starts up again next week.

ERIC BRANDNER



NICE GUY EDDIE: Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan has led his team to back-to-back playoff runs and this year has his eyes set on a conference title.

Nice Guy Coaching Style Works in D.C.

With Jordan at the helm, Wizards poised for successful season

WIZARDS | Eddie Jordan's wife and two small children sit in the front row in the small room that hosts his Wizards' postgame news conferences. The three of them are there after nearly every home game, a beam of light in an often dour setting of reporters who are often frantic about making their deadlines.

Emotions can be raw 10 minutes after the end of a thrilling victory or a bitter loss, but the coach keeps his composure and can always count on a hug — or two, or three — when he is done.

"That's the best part," Jordan said. "Whether you're mad or you're overly happy, the children,

it doesn't matter to them. The wife, she bleeds when you bleed, and she's happy when you're happy. But the kids, they're always excited."

Jordan seems almost too nice to be an NBA coach.

He returned after 30 years to the town where he played in the parks in Southeast as a child, and is already the longest-tenured coach currently in the Eastern Conference. He recently signed a contract extension after the Wizards' first back-to-back playoff seasons since the '80s.

Jordan's way of coaching is very different from other coaches'. "I think you can coach guys and be professional talking to them. You can't think clearly when you're screaming and hollering and losing your temper. I'm firm. Even when I can smile and get a message across, I can be firm." (AP)

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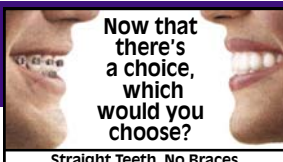
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United's Christian Gomez leaps past Josmire Altidore of the Red Bulls in a game between the two squads back in September. D.C. leads the playoff matchup 1-0.

90 Minutes to Define a Year

To win the MLS Cup, league-best United must reach its potential

UNITED | D.C. United is 90 minutes from the MLS Eastern Conference final, a stage at which it's triumphed in each of its five appearances. The team also is 90 minutes from potential disaster.

After eight months of hard work that resulted in the league's best record, high-profile successes against the likes of Real Madrid and Celtic and the first of what likely will be a host of individual honors, D.C. holds a slim one-goal lead over New York in a two-game playoff series concluding Sunday at RFK Stadium.

Should something go wrong in those 90 minutes, D.C.'s promising season will have unraveled prematurely again.

"This team deserves to be in the MLS Cup final and win the Cup. The potential they have, they just need to believe," coach Peter Nowak said before the playoffs.

United has failed to live up to that potential in several big games over the past two seasons, most notably in a 4-0 rout by Chicago at the same point in 2005. It has been eliminated from five competitions since winning MLS Cup in 2004 and has yielded 16 goals in those

OFFICIAL MLS TALLIES

A look at the scores heading into this weekend's action — the second leg of the conference semis:

→ D.C. United 1, New York Red Bulls 0, 6 p.m. Sunday at RFK Stadium

→ Chicago Fire 1, New England Revolution 0, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at New England

→ FC Dallas 2, Colorado Rapids 1, 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Dallas

→ Chivas USA 2, Houston 1, 8 p.m. Sunday at Houston

five matches. The back line featuring Bobby Boswell, Facundo Erpen and Bryan Namoff also struggled down the stretch, giving up nine goals in D.C.'s final four games. But they tightened up when it mattered last weekend, allowing just three shots on goal in a 1-0 shutout.

"It feels good because we haven't had one of those in a long time," goalkeeper Troy Perkins told reporters at the Meadowlands. "More importantly, the guys in front of me all the way to Jaime [Moreno], we defended as a full team today and really had the determination not to get beat."

Another 90 minutes of that, and United can prepare to host the conference final rather than face another offseason answering questions about big-game lapses. **BRIAN STRAUS**

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ON ICE: Goalie Olie Kolzig, right, made 45 saves on Wednesday against the Avalanche. Though still 3-2-3, the Caps have made huge strides since last year.

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Caps Finally on The Right Road

On it's only trip to the West Coast, the team seems to be gelling

CAPITALS | Washington Capitals defenseman Jamie Heward said his team had "no choice but to rebound and play a good game in Colorado" following last weekend's resounding loss to Tampa Bay.

The Caps were heading out on their longest road trip of the season saddled with four defeats in five games, including three in either overtime or a shootout. "Good teams regroup from that," he said.

If Wednesday's performance in Denver is any indication, the Capitals (3-2-3) have progressed leaps and bounds from this time last year. Goaltender Olie Kolzig made 45 saves, Alex Ovechkin scored his fifth goal of the season and sent an Avalanche defenseman crashing through the glass (he said it was the highlight of his evening), and the Caps won their first road game of the season, 5-3.

They'll take that momentum into Vancouver (6-4-1) tonight before traveling to the hockey hotbeds of Edmonton and Calgary. After that,

the Capitals won't leave the Eastern time zone again.

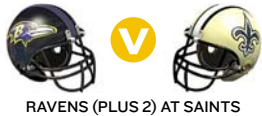
"Doing well on this trip is going to make us a closer-knit group, and it's going to give us the opportunity to come back home and keep it going. We're going to get really busy really fast in the next little while, and momentum is a big thing for us," Heward said.

The organization had figured it would take two years to build a playoff contender from scratch, and three weeks into the second season the Caps appear to be headed in the right direction.

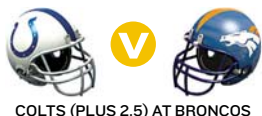
Alexander Semin has returned rejuvenated from Russia, notching eight goals and four assists and giving the team a complementary scoring threat it did not have last season. Defenseman Mike Green, 21, who scored a spectacular goal on Wednesday, appears to be a star in the making. And Kolzig and Ovechkin continue to come up big when it counts.

"We've done good things that we weren't doing at this point last year," Heward said. "We're a team that's a good puzzle, and we've just got to figure out how to put it together."

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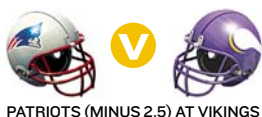
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EAGLES

The Eagles are a big question mark, but the Jaguars are a bigger one.

BENGALS

At home, the Bengals can beat anybody. By anybody, I mean the lowly Falcons.

PATRIOTS

It's hard to pick against either of these teams. They both like to win.

PANTHERS

Romo helps the offense, but he can't do anything about the defense.

SAINTS

Gotta root for the home team, especially when it's the Saints.

COLTS

I'm from Cleveland and still hold a grudge against the Broncos in the '80s.

EAGLES

It's the first cold snap. Philly will cream them.

FALCONS

Being from Cleveland, EVERYTHING from Cincinnati is evil.

VIKINGS

Didn't you know? Minnesota is a baker's paradise!

COWBOYS

It's the cheerleaders, stupid.

SAINTS

Let's see how much more Billick knows about coordinating than Jim Fassel.

BRONCOS

Though the Colts have been playing well, they're due for a defeat.

EAGLES

In a battle of two touted contenders who befuddle even themselves.

BENGALS

Two more touted contenders who befuddle even themselves.

PATRIOTS

Should be an interesting game, but the veteran Patriots come out on top.

PANTHERS

The Panthers will have plenty of tape of T.O. and a half's worth of tape on Romo.

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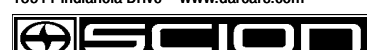
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I'm a family man, after all, and that's more important than pursuing my lifelong goal of becoming a major league skipper.

Believe it or not, this decision has nothing to do with the level of talent on the Nationals' team or the future of Alfonso Soriano.

All Soriano did was hit 40 hom-

"This decision has nothing to do with the level of talent on the Nationals' team."

ers and steal 40 bases. You can find players like that anywhere. It's just dumb luck only three others accomplished the feat. Letting him sign elsewhere is the right decision.

Washington will win 60 or 70 games next year, but so what? I know team President Stan Kasten and GM Jim Bowden wouldn't fire a manager for not winning when there's not enough good players on the team. In this case, moral victories and hard work would count more than end results.

And, no, I'm not taking a broadcasting position for a year to boost my worth, either. That would be silly, because I would manage for the love of the game only.

But I love my future family more — at least more than this potential job.

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Thomas, A's Make Progress on Deal

Contract would keep 38-year-old with club for 2 more seasons

BASEBALL | Frank Thomas and the Athletics have made progress on a deal that would keep the Big Hurt in Oakland for two more years.

A's general manager Billy Beane spoke to Thomas' agent, Arn Tellem, on Thursday and Tellem said he believes the sides are making strides and that he expected to soon talk again with Beane.

"We continue to talk," Beane said Thursday. "I am cautiously optimistic that both sides have a desire to get something done. We're certainly not there yet, but we've got time. I remain positive."

The 38-year-old Thomas has said he needs to listen to all offers, and he could file for free agency after the World Series. He also has said he would like to stay in the Bay Area after reviving his career in Oakland and helping the A's reach the AL Championship Series for the first time since 1992. They were swept by Detroit.

"We're talking. We're having good talks," Tellem said in a phone interview. "We've made progress and the talks have been positive."

Thomas remade himself with the A's after spending his first 16



Frank Thomas and the Oakland A's are making progress on contract talks.

major league seasons with the Chicago White Sox. After a bitter parting with his first team, he signed an incentive-laden one-year deal for \$500,000 with the A's. He earned all \$2.6 million of his possible bonuses based on plate appearances and keeping his troublesome left foot healthy.

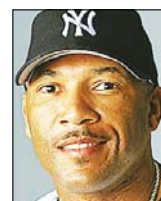
Also on Beane's to-do list is hiring a manager after he fired fourth-year skipper Ken Macha two days after Oakland's season ended. (AP)

Sheffield Angry That Yanks Took Option

BASEBALL | Gary Sheffield is angry that the New York Yankees plan to exercise his \$13 million option for next season rather than allow him to become a free agent.

While the Yankees have until Nov. 5 to decide on the option, Sheffield told USA Today that he has been told it will be exercised.

"This will not work, this will not



Sheffield

work at all," he was quoted as saying in Thursday editions. "I don't want to play first base a year for them. I will not do that."

If the Yankees exercise the option, included as part of the three-year contract Sheffield negotiated before the 2004 season, they likely would trade him. By exercising the option, they can prevent him from winding up with the Boston Red Sox.

Sheffield was New York's right fielder before he was sidelined from May 29 to Sept. 22 with an injured left wrist. (AP)

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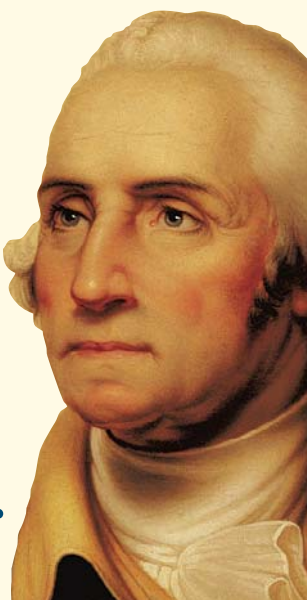
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Shades of Gray

'Catch a Fire' tells all sides of a tale of violence and racism

FILM | "Catch a Fire" takes place in apartheid-era South Africa, but identifying the good guys and bad guys isn't black and white.

Director Phillip Noyce continues his recent streak of historical dramas ("Rabbit-Proof Fence," "The Quiet American") by exploring the true story of Patrick Chamusso (Derek Luke), an oil-refinery foreman and married father who was accused of sabotaging his workplace in 1980.

Although he'd been cautious his whole life, Chamusso is arrested after an explosion at the refinery. Any black man could have been a suspect, but he had access and he can't explain where he was when the attack occurred.

Tim Robbins co-stars as Nic Vos, the police colonel investigating the case, and gives the character



CRIMINAL ACTS: Tim Robbins turns in a nuanced performance as police colonel.

enough shading to make you wonder: Is he a torture-happy sadist or a decent man with dubious methods? It's Robbins' most subtle, complex work in years.

Luke is totally believable as a kind, hardworking family man who lies and keeps secrets. Bonnie Henna co-stars as Chamusso's dutiful but conflicted wife, Precious, a former beauty queen who's constantly suspicious of her husband.

Eventually, after being beaten and kept from his family for months, he is set free — but he chooses to leave home again of his own volition to fight apartheid as a member of the African National Congress.

His transformation into bomb-toting rebel introduces us to his fellow fighters, who train in Angola and Mozambique. When their charismatic leader (Tumishu K. Masha) lines them up and shouts at them, "Are you ready to die?" they shout back in unison, "Yes, commander!"

This is what makes this film, set 25 years ago, so relevant today. People are being attacked and tortured all over the world in the name of freedom or terrorism, depending on perspective. "Catch a Fire" depicts the battle from all sides. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



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Is anything actually happening on Halloween itself?

My pick would definitely be Warehouse's Freak House.

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"Freak House" at the Warehouse offers fun and frights on Halloween night.

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Do you know anything about trick-or-treating at the embassies?

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The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | WASHINGTONPOST.COM/liveonline

Every Crazy Family Is Alike

In 'Running With Scissors,' quirkiness abounds, exhausts

FILM | Why is it that sometimes there's nothing like a true story to ring false? It's a question for the ages, and there's plenty of time to ponder it during Ryan Murphy's adaptation of Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir, which recounts the years Burroughs spent as the legal charge of his crazy mother's crazier psychiatrist. "I guess it doesn't matter where I begin," says the narrator. "No one is going to believe me anyway."

Murphy, who created "Nip/Tuck," is a master of mordant and macabre camp. But here he loses his teeth, seeming to lack any

ironic distance from material that practically begs for it. The incredible true adventures of a flamboyant kid abandoned by his terrible parents on the cusp of adolescence, "Running With Scissors" could have used a little dose of skepticism.

Augusten's (Joseph Cross) story begins in 1972, when his mother, Deirdre (Annette Bening), a self-published poet, decides that her husband, Norman (Alec Baldwin), is trying to stifle her creatively and kill her. When Norman doesn't agree to daily five-hour sessions with her shrink, Dr. Finch (Brian Cox), she leaves him and dumps Augusten at Finch's in order to check into a motel and "unblock her unconscious."

This is how 13-year-old Augusten comes to spend two years



THERAPY FODDER: Joseph Cross plays the teen at the center of "Scissors."

living with the Finches. The doctor's family lives in a Pepto-Bismol pink Victorian mansion with papered-up windows, a lawn festooned with garbage, dishes piled to the ceiling and a Christmas tree that never comes down. Finch's wife, Agnes (Jill Clayburgh), is a catatonic shut-in who spends her days gazing at horror movies on TV and eating dog kibble out of the bag. Elder daughter Hope (Gwyneth Paltrow), who does her best to emulate a Victorian spinster, makes decisions by "Bible-dipping" and claims she can talk to the cat.

This is a lot of quirk, and it feels like an attempt to distract from the fact that while a lot is going on, nothing is really happening. There's much running around and shouting, but from the moment Augusten enters the house, you just want him to leave, and it feels like waiting to grow up. **CARINA CHOCANO (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

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FRIDAY

Washingtonians just can't seem to get enough of Floetry. That's probably because the duo, gigging at **LOVE**, serves up emotional and sexy ballads, sharp hip-hop soul and club tracks that make the ladies squeal, "That's my jam!" The British accents help too, as the singing/rapping vocalists trade melodic runs and spoken-word couplets.

Sharkey's appearance at the **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL** caps one of the more interesting lineups of the DAM! Festival, which includes Travis Morrison and dreamy, noisy Brooklyn rockers Longwave. But the show of the night is at **THE RED AND THE BLACK**, where singer-songwriters-to-watch Laura Burhenn and Carol Bui are joined by the ex-Promise Ringers of Decibully, a Milwaukee band whose thundering drums and chattering guitars are nicely augmented by synthesizers and lap-steel guitar.

At **FUR**, Hot 99.5's "Freak-O-Ween" costume contest offers a grand prize of \$1,000. You'll have to put up with Puffy protégés Danity Kane, the generic all-girl group from "Making the Band 3," though. Admission is \$20 and it's open to all women 18 and over; guys have to be 21.

The key to King Britt's career is versatility in a field crowded with specialists. He started out as the DJ for jazz-rap sensations Digable Planets, but now, depending on who you ask, he's either one of the best remixers or dance music DJs in the business. His pseudonyms include Obafunke, Scuba and Sylk 130. His appearances at **FIVE** usually find him exploring the techno side of things, a style he's been rooted in since his days working with Josh Wink. Come in the right getup and you might win the \$500 costume contest.

SATURDAY

Our Halloween picks include Bridezilla's Revenge at **RNR LOUNGE**, because, really, what's more scary?; the Buzzlife team of Scott Henry and John Tab taking over the **WOOLLY MAMMOTH THEATRE** for an



YOU GOIN' OUT LIKE THAT? Cypress Hill's shows attract exceedingly diverse crowds.

old-school dance party (and a costume contest with \$1,000 in prizes); **DEVIL'S TRIANGLE**, a scary night of barhopping in Mount Pleasant and Columbia Heights, complete with shuttle bus; the **NIGHTMARE ON M STREET** bar crawl, with drink specials at 14 bars downtown; and the annual Monster Bash at the **CLARENDON BALLROOM** with live music and DJs.

We weren't sure whether **JAMMIN' JAVA** would celebrate a second birthday, let alone five, but the unassuming club — located in a faceless Vienna strip mall — marks half a decade today. All credit goes to the three Brindley brothers, who took a failing Christian coffeehouse and turned it into one of the top 100 clubs (now serving liquor) in the world in terms of ticket sales, according to Pollstar. A number of



Floetry has written songs for acts like Michael Jackson, Jill Scott and Bilal.

local alt-rock bands that regularly perform at the club will take the stage, including Welbilt, Shane Hines, the Getaway Car, the Echoes and the Brindley Brothers, whose mix of Wilco, the Gin Blossoms and the Replacements is always worth catching.

Appearing at **LOVE**: one of the last names we would throw out if its manager asked us to guess its upcoming schedule. Starting in 1991, Cypress Hill dropped a couple of albums that kicked in the door with a loco Latino dimension to West Coast gangsta music. The group's rowdy cannabis-fortified style quickly crossed over into Lollapalooza world and it's ridden that wave ever since. Expect this show to bring out some older heads who remember when "How I Could Just Kill a Man" sparked mosh pits among folks who would never set foot in a punk show.

On the DAM! tip, it's a hard choice between **DC9**, where the literate, meticulously crafted indie-pop of Bishop Allen and De Novo Dahl makes for an intriguing doubleheader, and **THE RED AND THE BLACK**, which hosts the Eames Era, a quintet bringing its catchy, sing-along twee all the way from Baton Rouge.



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ALEX RIDER: OPERATION STORM-BREAKER (PG, 93 minutes) Honey, they shrank James Bond. That's the gist of this movie, in which a teenage 007-type saves the world from, well, perhaps the fact that one can't discern just what Alex Rider saves the world from is some indication of the movie's insipidity. Derived from Anthony Horowitz's novels, the movie attempts to take the '60s and '70s super secret agent format—with its zany machines and larger-than-life villains—and recast it for a young-adult audience. Perhaps the concept works in print, but on screen, it's dull. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

AMERICAN HARDCORE (R, 100 minutes) When Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980, an obscure and influential form of rock music almost immediately flared up as a spontaneous response. Hardcore punk, embodied by such seminal bands as Black Flag, Minor Threat and Bad Brains, offered a fast, angry and aggressive alternative to the brand of supply-side optimism holding political sway. This documentary by director Paul Rachman and writer-producer Steven Blush delivers a swiftly moving,

dense primer on the movement. The archival video footage is often illegibly muddy, and too often the most unsettling aspects of hardcore—the gratuitous violence, macho posturing and misogyny—go unchallenged. But the film stands as a valuable chronicle of a brief and snarling musical movement. **(AH)**

THE ANT BULLY (PG, 80 minutes) Lucas Nickle (voice of Zach Tyler Eisen), a boy regularly creamed by tougher kids, takes his rage out on the backyard anthill. But a wizard figures out some chemical stuff and hello, 15mm boy! Lucas sees the error of his ways, and soon, like the ants, he's a stalwart warrior. The movie is an epic adventure with a rigorously moral point of view. **(SH)**

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (Unrated, 105 minutes) A study of bonding among newly partnerless young-elderlies (say, 55 to 65) at a Florida retirement town. These folks want society, life, intimacy. There are plenty of reasons to like the movie; one is its superb cast of discarded '70s-era Hollywood stars such as Sally Kellerman, Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Dyan Cannon. **(SH)**

CROSSOVER (PG-13, 95 minutes) This lousy street ball flick is about two friends (Anthony Mackie and Wesley Jonathan) who live for slam-dunks, each other and getting an education. **(OT)**

THE DEPARTED (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his



CONFECTIONARY PERFECTION: Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette" depicts a teenage girl appalled, enchanted and finally drowned by claustrophobic excess.

same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish

mob in Boston. Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson play three men who came up in Southie, only to end up on opposite sides of the law,

or straddling both. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. Those brawls feel a bit rote, but what's different here is humor. **(AH)**

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of Runway, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive Miranda and win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? Streep makes it work. **JENNIFER FREY**

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG-13, 103 minutes) Each generation, it seems, is blessed with a blond actress with eye-popping physical assets who also happens to possess warmth, goofy accessibility and superior comic timing. As this movie helps prove, this generation's dizzy, dazzling blonde is Cameron Diaz and emphatically not Jessica Simpson, who stars in this laugh-free mash-up of "Office Space," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and NBC's "The Office." **(AH)**

EVERYONE'S HERO (G, 90 minutes) This animated film follows the 10-year-old son of a groundskeeper at Yankee Stadium who finds a talking baseball. But wait: Let's team the ball with the Babe's talking bat. The movie's a feast of miscal-

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culations. Neither the bat nor the ball make for an enchanting child's companion. (SH)

FACING THE GIANTS (PG, 111 minutes)

This is a crushingly earnest power-of-prayer movie in which a losing high school football team, divided by jealousies, plots, cliques and internal disorder, gives itself up to God and starts winning. Writer-director Alex Kendrick stars as coach Grant Taylor of the Shiloh Christian Academy Eagles and is the benefactor of his own excellent performance as a man cut by doubts who finds a way—or should that be *The Way*? Kendrick knows how to tell a story powerfully and to galvanize a largely amateur cast into believable performances. The theology is for theologists to debate, but Christians will likely find it a rousing experience. (SH)

FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R, 132 minutes)

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PLAYING GAMES: Kate Winslet and Patrick Wilson are suburbanites who embark on an ill-advised affair in "Little Children."

goals far more ambitious than the original participants could have imagined. And that process, exactly and resonantly, is the center of this heartbreaking and sobering film by Clint Eastwood. It is based on the best-seller by James Bradley, son of John "Doc" Bradley, one of the six who planted the flag on Mount Suribachi that day in February 1945. This film is passionate, honest, unflinching and gripping, and it pays respects. (SH)

FLICKA (PG, 94 minutes) This movie is based on Mary O'Hara's 1941 classic, "My Friend Flicka." That book told the story of the dreamy younger son of a Wyoming rancher who found focus and love in his admiration for a mustang foal. This edition, perhaps inevitably, performs a sex change on the material: It focuses on the younger daughter of a stern rancher (singer Tim McGraw), though the diagnosis is the same. Katy (Alison Lohman)

is dreamy and flighty, but she can ride like a boy and rope like a man. This version has no time for fibberty-dee about "feelings"; it's much more interested in how people get the job done, western-style, and that involves grit, labor and discipline. (SH)

FLYBOYS (PG-13, 139 minutes) Off we go into the wild blue meander with this inflated wannabe epic about the American aviators of Lafayette Escadrille

in WWI. Filled with almost-names such as James Franco, the film examines the history of the volunteer group attached to the French before we went Over There. The movie is so overdone it becomes almost goofy, but does contain intense battle action. (SH)

GRIDIRON GANG (PG-13, 120 minutes)

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as football coach Sean Porter in this fictionalized version of an inspiring real-life story. In 1990, Porter, who was working at a juvenile detention facility in California, recruited 11 of his toughest inmates to create a juvie football team and took the team to the championship — along the way saving several of his charges from jail and/or early death. It's a terrific story, but instead of a good movie, director Phil Joanou made a lugubrious tutorial on the importance of being a winner. (AH)

THE GRUDGE 2 (PG-13, 96 minutes)

The central mechanism of this movie follows from a folk superstition that anyone who dies in a fit of rage leaves a curse in the location of his or her death. The meaning of the curse is resonant, which perhaps explains the global impact of the series

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MAGICIANS ARE SNAPPY DRESSERS: Christian Bale confronts Hugh Jackman in a battle over who is wearing the nattier greatcoat in the drama "The Prestige."

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(this is the second American version, after four Japanese variants). The movie makes no sense as it tracks between parallel stories in Tokyo and Chicago. Maybe it's not supposed to. (SH)

THE GUARDIAN (PG-13, 136 minutes) Kevin Costner plays Senior Chief Ben Randall in this unit tribute to the Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. Spent and depressed, Randall is asked to leave his duty station and repair to "A-School," which is a hard-core training program. There his prize pupil and biggest headache is Ashton Kutcher's Jake Fischer. For about an hour, it's a good little film, but it begins to overload its frail reed of a structure with giant sloppages of cliches from other movies, some so bad it's almost comical. (SH)

THE ILLUSIONIST (PG-13, 109 minutes) Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, an illusionist who has become the toast of aristocratic Vienna and is being watched by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti). The movie then backtracks to Eisenheim's beginnings as a poor boy, his friendship with a spirited young duchess and the downfall of their budding romance. The movie is a subtle, eerie augury of the cataclysm that awaits Austria, but it can't overcome a fatal inertness. (AH)

INFAMOUS (R, 120 minutes) Timing's turned this film into a novelty item. It covers the same material as last year's "Capote" and was held back for the memories of that film to fade, but they probably haven't. Both tell the story of the diminutive, gay, sophisticate writer who ventured to Kansas in 1959 to chronicle the murder, investigation, trial and execution that became the book "In Cold Blood." Though it's not as good as the brilliant "Capote," it's nevertheless a riv-

eting, well-made picture for those who remember books and when they were really important. (SH)

INVINCIBLE (PG, 99 minutes) Who doesn't have a soft spot for real-life sports stories reenacted by our most lovable Hollywood stars? Mark Wahlberg stars as Vinc Papale, who in 1976 joined hundreds of Philadelphia Eagles fans in a publicity stunt of an open tryout; no one was more surprised than Papale himself when he made the cut. "Invincible" tells Papale's story without frills, contextualizing his achievement in 1970s Philly. (AH)

JACKASS: NUMBER TWO (R, 95 minutes) This sequel amounts to wall-to-wall bonehead behavior and it's hard to justify the grosser material, some of which borders on the pornographic. But these dudes understand the simple integrity of a slapstick gag. (ST)

JESUS CAMP (PG-13, 85 minutes) The evangelical summer camp where most of this documentary is set is less a church retreat than a Midwestern madrasa, with the adult counselors bringing their young charges to Christian radicalism by any means necessary — joking, cajoling, flattering and scaring them. And that, the film's subjects might say, is just the point. Filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady — who made the wonderful "The Boys of Baraka" — have made a similarly riveting documentary here. (AH)

JET LI'S FEARLESS (PG-13, 103 minutes) Jet Li plays Huo Yuanjia, a Chinese martial arts fighter of the first decade of the last century who must triumph over his inner demons to triumph over his country's outer demons. The movie is handsome, well-populated and offers beautiful scenery and settings. But it follows a well-traveled path: When Yuanjia is told he has been humiliated by a rival family, he goes ballistic, seeks revenge and unleashes fury on Earth. The fight choreography is impressive, but it's so pumped up it seems ridiculous. (SH)

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THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor of prosaic appetites and self-interests (James McAvoy). The director, Kevin Macdonald, has decided we need a pair of Western eyes through which to gaze upon such extravagance. Still, the movie has a powerful sense of what Africa looks and feels like; you can almost smell it. And as Amin, Forest Whitaker is extraordinary. (SH)

LITTLE CHILDREN (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But in this movie's reverse code, Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. What links the well-to-do residents of the town is a deep-seated frustration. The happiness everyone seeks seems to be missing. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. We're caught up in its emotional sweep, feeling compassion for all the pariahs, including Sarah (Kate Winslet) and Brad (Patrick Wilson), whose extramarital romance provokes gossip tongues. (DT)

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. JENNIFER FREY

MAN OF THE YEAR (PG-13, 108 minutes) Talk show host Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) gets asked by a member of his audience why he won't run for president; the question spawns an Internet campaign urging him to run, and eventually he jumps into the race. For the first half-hour, Williams does his trademark stand-up and the script skewers politicians as surface-over-substance and the political process as cheap cabaret. Then comes an electronic voting controversy. And corporate greed. Witness stalkings and car chases. If you're expecting a laugh fest, beware. (JF)

MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG-13, 118 minutes) Sofia Coppola has never been partial to



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narrative, but with this film she proves that she can tell a story. Kirsten Dunst plays the notorious French queen, whose engagement at age 14 to King Louis XVI was less a betrothal than a geopolitical merger. Much has been made of Coppola's frothy depiction of the Court of Versailles, but naysayers have completely missed the point of a film that is suffused with politics. Coppola brilliantly conjures the young queen's insular world, in which she was both isolated and claustrophobically scrutinized. While not celebrating Marie Antoinette's reign, Coppola clearly sympathizes with a girl who was less heedless than naive and whose privilege came at a price. (AH)

THE MARINE (PG-13, 93 minutes) This movie makes it clear that wrestling superstar John Cena shouldn't quit his day job. He plays John Triton, a war-tested Marine who's honorably discharged for killing terrorists without authoriza-

tion. John gets back to the action, however, when a bionic gang of diamond robbers takes his wife hostage. The movie doesn't wear patriotism on its sleeve — it nails a stars-and-stripes poster board to its forehead. (DT)

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children, this movie, by turns tiresome and terrifying, is a grisly, cynical work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made less appealing by its soulless visual style. (AH)

MUTUAL APPRECIATION (Unrated, 110 minutes) Andrew Bujalski made an improbably auspicious debut four years ago with "Funny Ha Ha," a discursive, deadpan depiction of post-collegiate life starring the delightfully hang-dog Kate Dollenmayer. Dollenmayer shows up for a fetching cameo here,

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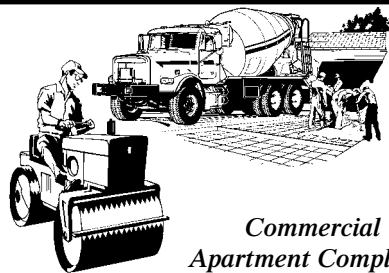
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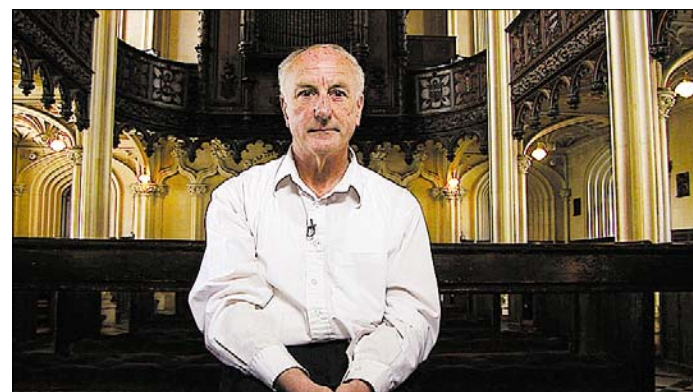
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but for the most part this follow-up features new characters. Ellie (Rachel Clift) and Lawrence (Bujalski) welcome Lawrence's old pal Alan (Justin Rice) to Brooklyn, N.Y., when he moves there to find a new band. The plot thickens, but not too much. The movie, filmed in grainy, high-contrast black and white, again reveals Bujalski's talent for observant, understated humor. (AH)

OLD JOY (Unrated, 76 minutes) Two men in their early 30s, once close, go camping in the Oregon mountains. One, Mark (Daniel London), is settled into life, though he doesn't appear happy about it. The other guy, neo-hippie Kurt (Will Oldham), is still at loose ends. Kurt gets

them lost quickly enough, and they end up camping not by a beautiful river, but in a garbage dump. It works out that they have something — unknown, unstated, unremembered — in the past, which has now gone away. The movie has a placid sense of realism to it, as each fellow gropes awkwardly, then backs away from whatever happened long ago. It feels so real it hurts, and it's the perfect antidote to all those movies in which stuff blows up. (SH)

OPEN SEASON (PG, 79 minutes) Martin Lawrence voices Boog the bear, a grizzly who as a cub was adopted by kindhearted park ranger Beth (Debra Messing). When he crosses paths with an errant mule deer named Elliot (Ashton Kutcher), however, his cushy lifestyle ends, and he is dropped back into the wild, three days before hunting season. With a slick visual style, the movie trots out tropes that

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recent animated classics have done with more wit and smarts. (AH)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13, 140 minutes) Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) is dispatched to steal Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) mystical compass, which is believed to lead to the soul of Davy Jones. The movie's most entertaining feature is its computer-generated creations. (DT)

THE PRESTIGE (PG, 129 minutes) After the August release of "The Illusionist," it's fair to ask: Does the world really need a movie about two magicians in turn-of-the-century London? Maybe not. But this film manages to transcend invidious comparisons and come up with a few classy tricks of its own. For starters, there's the fantastic Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine, who play feuding magicians and their mentor, respectively. And there's the twisty plot that actually gives viewers a fighting chance to figure things out before the Big Reveal. If you see only one magical-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it this one. (AH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's

constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragic-comedy about the worst public relations crisis at Buckingham Palace since Henry VIII. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

RIDING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES (PG, 108 minutes) When his dying son, Ken-ichi, refuses to speak with him, Gou-ichi Takata (Ken Takakura), a 60-ish Japanese man, is determined to make amends for the 10-year rift that led to this contretemps. Hearing that Ken-



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ichi is enamored of a Chinese opera singer and his rendition of the popular mask opera, Gou-ichi flies to China's Yunnan province to find Li Jiamin. But Gou-ichi's plan to capture Li's performance on video, then deliver it to Ken-ichi, is derailed when he learns the singer has been jailed for three years. But Gou-ichi embarks on his own personal Odyssey. This is a masterful little film—subtly heartfelt but never manipulative. (DT)

SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS (PG-13, 102 minutes) Jon Heder plays Roger, a mopey loser whose infatuation with Amanda (Jacinda Barrett), prompts him to sign

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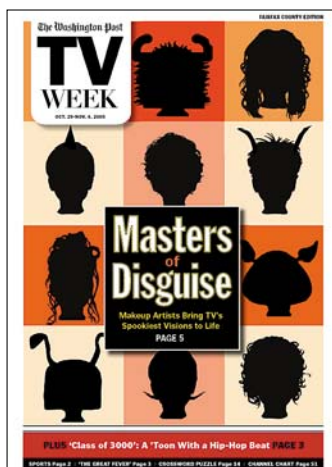


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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) ✓ (10:45 @ \$5), 12:40, 1:50, 4:15, 5:15, 7:40, 8:30, 10:40, 11:40
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THE GUARDIAN (PG13) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:35, 5:00, 8:25, 11:35
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MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25
ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING (PG) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:40, 5:40, 8:35, 11:25

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THE MARINE (PG13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10
OPEN SEASON (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50

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SAW III (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20
MAN OF THE YEAR (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 10:00
THE DEPARTED (R) 3:15, 6:30, 9:50
OPEN SEASON (PG) 2:50, 5:00

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CATCH A FIRE (PG13) ✓ 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 7:10, 9:40

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CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) ✓
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MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45
THE QUEEN (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 2:15, 7:55
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:50
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) (11:05 @ \$5), 4:40, 10:35
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AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 10:35 PM
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) 1:20, 6:40
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CATCH A FIRE (PG13) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
RUNNING WITH SCISSORS (R) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

DON (NR-NOT RATED) 1:00, 5:00, 9:00
THE MARINE (PG13) 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:00
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 2:00, 7:05
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45
FLYBOYS (PG13) 4:10, 9:25

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THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
MAXX (NR-NOT RATED) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
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COLOR OF THE CROSS (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
SAW III (R) 12:35, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:50
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THE MARINE (PG13) 2:25, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:30, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
OPEN SEASON (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:45

AMC SELECT

CATCH A FIRE (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
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INFAMOUS (R) 1:40, 7:10
CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD (PG) 2:10, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:20, 2:00, 3:50, 4:40, 7:00, 7:50, 9:00, 10:00
SWEET LAND (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP (R) 4:30, 9:30
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40

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INFAMOUS (R) 1:40, 7:10
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THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP (R) 4:30, 9:30
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) ✓ (11:00 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:10, 3:50, 5:25, 7:05, 8:30, 10:10, 11:35
FLICKA (PG) ✓ (10:20 @ \$5), 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) ✓ (10:35 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:25, 2:55, 4:20, 5:50, 7:25, 8:50, 10:40, 11:50
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THE DEPARTED (R) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:55, 5:20, 8:45, 11:55
OPEN SEASON (PG) (10:25 @ \$5), 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:35, 9:50

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RUNNING WITH SCISSORS (R) ✓ (10:55 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25
MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45

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SAW III (R) 4:10, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30
THE GRUDGE 2 (PG13) 5:10, 8:05, 10:40
THE MARINE (PG13) 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
THE DEPARTED (R) 6:50, 10:00
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 5:40, 8:15, 10:45
OPEN SEASON (PG) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
JET LI'S FEARLESS (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
CROSSOVER (PG13) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25

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CATCH A FIRE (PG13) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
FLICKA (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
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MAN OF THE YEAR (PG13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:45

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MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
FLICKA (PG) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
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THE DEPARTED (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 12:30, 5:30, 10:20
OPEN SEASON (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

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FLICKA (PG) 1:40, 4:40, 7:00, 9:35
THE GRUDGE 2 (PG13) 1:30, 3:50
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (PG13) 1:00, 3:30
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE GUARDIAN (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
JACKASS: NUMBER TWO (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

LOEWS DUPONT 5

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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

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INFAMOUS (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 2:00, 7:10
MUTUAL APPRECIATION (NR-NOT RATED) 4:40, 9:40

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
THE PRESTIGE (PG13) 2:00, 4:55, 7:35, 10:25
MAN OF THE YEAR (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 10:30
THE DEPARTED (R) 3:00, 7:00, 10:05
OPEN SEASON (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:15

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12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
THE QUEEN (PG-13)
(I) 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:45, 10:00
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1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
LITTLE CHILDREN (R)
1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)
1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35
CATCH A FIRE (PG-13)
1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
SWEETLAND (PG-13)
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HE PROBABLY WASN'T BLOND

The Prism of Faith

IT'S A FAMILIAR image for millions of Christians: Jesus, with a crown of thorns, hanging from the cross. But in a controversial new film opening Friday, he is black. "Color of the Cross" focuses on the last 48 hours of Christ's life as told in the Gospels. In this version, though, race contributes to his persecution. What Jesus looked like has long been debated by theologians around the world. Filmmaker Jean Claude LaMarre, who plays Jesus, wrote, directed and financed the film. "Black people in this country are the only race of people who worship a god outside their own image," said LaMarre, adding that showing Christ as a black man is "the most poignant way to deal with the issue of race in this country." SANDY COHEN (AP)

Now Playing

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up for an assertiveness class. There, Roger finds himself under the thumb of Dr. P (Billy Bob Thornton), whose tough-love system of verbal intimidation and paintball (sans pads) is designed to turn nerds into lions. This nondescript comedy is bereft of focus and provocative ideas. (DT)

THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP (R, 106 minutes) In this romantic fantasy, Gael García Bernal plays Stéphane, a young man unable to tell the difference between dreams and reality. The movie never intends to be deeper than a magician's hat; its wonderfully low-tech, stop-motion technique is a tacit rebuke to computer-graphics-heavy fantasies. (DT)

SHORTBUS (Unrated, 101 minutes) John Cameron Mitchell, best known for "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," brings giddiness to this exploration of on-screen sex. Mitchell pushes the envelope of just how graphic it can get. But once the shock value has worn off, the movie becomes less daring than tiresome. (AH)

SNAKES ON A PLANE (R, 106 minutes) This movie's highest level of artistic expression was its Internet marketing campaign.

The thing itself is cheesy. (SH)

TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13, 105 minutes) Will Ferrell's NASCAR sendup doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw from stereotypical red-neck jokes. (TW)

THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING (R, 84 minutes) This movie is a far cry from the atmospheric, thoughtfully crafted original, which made you truly scared. This version, though just as grisly, is literally hackwork, and stars a forgettable, airbrushed cast. (DT)

THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON (PG-13, 99 minutes) David Leaf and John Scheinfeld's revelatory documentary deftly sets the stage for Lennon's odyssey through the dark mirror of U.S. political life. It's chilling to hear FBI agents reminisce about pursuing Lennon, and readers tempted to write that episode off as yet another paranoid fantasy of The Left should take heed: The film includes the firsthand testimony of the spies themselves, from apostate FBI agents to the unapologetic G. Gordon Liddy. (AH)



REVIEWS BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S ANN HORNADAY, STEPHEN HUNTER, DESSON THOMSON AND TERESA WILTZ. FOR MORE CAPSULES AND FULL REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS, SEE THE WASHINGTON POST WEEKEND SECTION

NO. 2 TRIES HARDER: A vice president has been elected in the fictitious administration of Fox's "24." Powers Boothe will play veep Noah Daniels in a recurring role this season. D.B. Woodside's Wayne Palmer is still prez. We'll see how long that lasts.



Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

IT AGES BUT NEVER GETS OLD

Good grief! The 1966 animated special **IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN, CHARLIE BROWN** (Fri., 8 p.m., ABC) turns 40 this year. Other Halloween treats include a special episode of **MR. MEATY** (Fri., 8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon), in which two puppet teens decide to play vampire fast-food clerks for the big night.

THE LEAF-BLOWER?

Very much not for the kids, the anthology series **MASTERS OF HORROR** (10 p.m., Showtime) enters its second season. "Horror" boasts 13 original stories directed by masters of the grisly genre. Tobe Hooper directs tonight's offering "That Damned Thing," about a small Texas town possessed by a monstrous force that turns neighbor against neighbor.

ALSO KNOWN AS 'THE MALL ON THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING': Zombies run riot in the low-budget 1968 cult favorite **NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD** (Fri., 2 a.m., TCM), directed by George Romero. A second Romero feature follows, the 1973 shocker **THE CRAZIES** (Fri., 3:45 a.m.), about the accidental release of an experimental virus created by the



'HORROR' NEXT DOOR: Andrew McIlroy needs to borrow some sugar—NOW.

military that turns small-town residents into killers. A flop, it was also released as "Code Name: Trixie."

STILL SINGING OUT

The Dixie Chicks appear on **STORYTELLERS** (Sat., 9 p.m., VH1) to share some of the tales behind songs.

SURE, PUMPKINHEAD'S A KILLER, BUT WE NEED THE SEEDS

Two established horror franchises expand their audiences. The animated film **HELLBOY: SWORD OF STORMS** (Sat., 9:30 p.m., Cartoon Network) features the voices of Ron Perlman, Selma Blair and Doug Jones. And Lance Henriksen returns to the grisly patch in the made-for-TV sequel **PUMPKINHEAD: ASHES TO ASHES** (9 p.m., Sci Fi).

THE ULTIMATE CULT CAMP

David and Albert Maysles' disturbing documentary **GREY GARDENS** (Sun., 8p.m., TCM) shocked and fascinated audiences

upon its release in 1975 with its intimate portrait of aging socialite Edith Bouvier Beale and her 50-something daughter, "Little" Edie. Shot at their decaying, vermin-infested East Hampton home, "Grey Gardens" seemed like a cruel collaboration between Tennessee Williams and Andy Warhol — an unflinching look at madness, claustrophobic family ties, decadence and isolation.

UNCLE VLAD, WHERE DO
YOU KEEP THE KETCHUP?

BLOODLINES: THE DRACULA FAMILY TREE
(Sun., 10 p.m., History) The Florescusi family returns to Romania to uncover new information about their famous ancestors, linked for centuries to the Dracula family, and united against the legendary Vlad the Impaler.

THE CONMEN CHORUS

RIPLEY'S RETURN (Sat., 11 p.m., BBC America) is a feature-length sequel to



CHILL WILLS: Ripley puts his dreams on ice for Kitty De-Luxe in "Return."

the quirky British musical comedy series "Viva Blackpool." Set in a rundown seaside resort, "Blackpool's" cast of gamblers and hustlers burst into song at the slightest provocation, lip-synching pop tunes from the 1960s to the 1980s. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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BASIC CABLE	A&E		Crossing Jordan "Prisoner Exchange"		CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose"			CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose"				CSI: Miami "Game Over" (N)			CSI: Miami "Blood Moon" (N)			CSI: Miami "Hard Time" (N)																																					
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	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)		★★ "Against the Ropes" (2004) Meg Ryan. A female boxing-manager bonds with a fighter.												Comicview			Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx																																	
	Bravo		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		Even Scariest Movie Moments			Even Scariest Movie Moments		★ "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre Part 2" (1986) Dennis Hopper. Premiere.											★★ "Friday the 13th" (1980)																																		
	Comedy		(5:00) ★ "Hudson Hawk" (1991)		Scrubs		Scrubs		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Chappelle's Show		South Park		Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents																																
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	Discovery		It Takes a Thief		Dirty Jobs "Geoduck Farmer"			MythBusters "Poppy Seed Drug Test"				MythBusters "Deadly Straw"			MythBusters "Diet Coke and Mentos"				Stunt Junkies		Stunt Junkies																																		
	DISCH		Code Blue		Impact: Stories of Survival			Scars (N)				Dr. G: Medical Examiner			Skeleton Stories				Scars																																				
	Disney		Life With Derek	Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana		That's So Raven		Hannah Montana		Zack & Cody	★★ "Casper Meets Wendy" (1998) Shelley Duvall, Hilary Duff.											Zack & Cody		That's So Raven																													
	E!		Handler Show	Janet Jackson		E! News (N)		The Daily 10 (N)		Dr. 90210 The Diamonds baby-sit.			Dr. 90210 Dancers opt for surgery.			The Soup (N)		The Soup		E! News		The Daily 10																																	
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	HGTV		If Walls Could	Offbeat America		What You Get		House Hunters		Designed to Sell		24 Hour Design		Under 1 Roof (N)		Save Us-House		House Hunters		House Hunters		Want Tech Toy		I Want That!																															
	Family		Everwood "Moonlight Sonata"		Gilmore Girls			★★★ "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates.											Whose Line?		Whose Line?		The 700 Club																																
	History		Modern Marvels: Drilling		Our Generation		Our Generation		The Haunted History of Halloween				History's Mysteries: Bible Mysteries			Pacific: The Lost Evidence			Our Generation		Our Generation																																		
	Lifetime		Reba	Reba		"The Perfect Neighbor" (2005, Suspense)			Perry King, Susan Blakely.		★ "Thy Neighbor's Wife" (2000, Suspense) Kari Wuhrer, Jeff Trachta.											Will & Grace		Off the Leash																															
	MTV		Yo Momma	True Life		Real World-Rd		Real World-Rd		Yo Momma		Yo Momma		Yo Momma		Yo Momma		Yo Momma		Dismissed		Dismissed																																	
	NICK		Ned's School	Avatar-Last Air		SpongeBob		Catscratch		Fairly OddParents		Mr. Meaty (N)		The X's (N)		Danny Phantom		Full House		Fresh Prince		Roseanne		Roseanne																															
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SPIKE		World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.																																			
TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		King of Queens		King of Queens		★ "Scary Movie 2" (2001) (PA) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans.											(10:50) ★★ "Scary Movie 3" (2003)																															
TLC		While You Were Out		Take Home Chef		Take Home Chef		What Not to Wear "Sohni"				What Not to Wear "Ginger C." (N)			Cover Shot		Cover Shot "Dee"		What Not to Wear "Ginger C."																																				
TNT		Law & Order "Divorce" (DVS)		Without a Trace "Kam Li"			★★★ "Signs" (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix.											★ "Dreamcatcher" (2003, Horror) Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane.																																					
USA		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			★★★ "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami.												House "TB or NotTB" (N)																																				
VHI		Celebrity Paranormal Project		★★★ "Friday" (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker, Nia Long.											Ice-T's Rap		Brk. Bonaduce		Hogan Knows		Hogan Knows		Best Week Ever		Williams Exper.																														
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)					NFL Live		NBA Shootaround		NBA Preseason Basketball	Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)											SportsCenter (Live)																																
	ESPN2	Monster Shark Tournament					Honor Roll (N)		College Football	Texas-El Paso at Tulsa. (Live)											Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith																																		
	CSN	BCS Breakdown	SportsNite		CFL Football	Edmonton Eskimos at Montreal Alouettes. (Taped)											Ralph Friedman	SportsNite		NHL Hockey	Washington Capitals at Vancouver Canucks. (Live)																																		
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight					The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now			Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360																																								
	FNC	Special Report (Live)					The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)			Hannity & Colmes (Live)			On the Record-Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor																																					
	MSNBC	Tucker					Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann			MSNBC Documentary			MSNBC Documentary			MSNBC Documentary																																					
MOVIES	AMC	★★★ "Hellraiser" (1987, Horror) Andrew Robinson, Clare Higgins. 'R'											★ "Friday the 13th, Part 2" (1981) Amy Steel. 'R'											(45) ★ "Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter" (1984) Kimberly Beck. 'R'											★★★ Wolfen 'R'																				
	TCM	★★★ "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1958) Elizabeth Taylor. 'NR'											★★★ "White Zombie" (1932) 'NR'											(15) ★★ "I Walked With a Zombie" (1943) 'NR'											★★ "The Walking Dead" (1936) 'NR'											Creature-Atom									
	HBO	★ "Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story"											Inside the NFL											★★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. 'PG-13'											Wanda Sykes: Sick & Tired											Real Time Singer Harry Belafonte.									
	MAX	★★★ "Cinderella Man" (2005, Biography) Russell Crowe, Renée Zellweger. 'PG-13'											★★★ "Rebound" (2005) Martin Lawrence. 'PG'											★★★ "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) Johnny Knoxville.											Intimate Sessions																				
	SHOW	(5:00) ★★ Saved!	(35) ★★ "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Rob Brown. iTV. 'PG-13'													Weeds (iTV)		Weeds (iTV)		Masters of Horror (iTV) (N)		Dexter (iTV) Body parts.																																	
	TMC	(5:05) Blind Date	(45) ★ "The Cookout" (2004) Ja Rule. 'PG-13'													(15) ★★ "Payback" (1999, Action) Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry. 'R'		★★★ "Monument Ave." (1998) Denis Leary. 'R'											I'll Sleep When																										
	STARZ!	(15) ★★ "White Squall" (1996) Jeff Bridges. 'PG-13'		★ "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005) 'R'											★★★ "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Jessica Biel. 'R'											★★★ "Wolf Creek" (2005) 'R'																													
ENCORE	(05) ★★ "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004) Renée Zellweger. 'R'																											★★★ "Night of the Living Dead" (1968) Duane Jones.											(45) ★★ "The Dark Half" (1993) Timothy Hutton. Maine professor's bad pen name takes over.																

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Travel

Archaeologists both amateur and pro find treasure in Peru

A sudden wind gust blows eerily down from rocky Andean foothills, kicking up a cinnamon-colored cloud over the moonscape of ruins that is the oldest city in the Americas.

The sky is a crisp blue. All around in the Supe River Valley are lush fields of onion and corn.

We are in Caral, three hours and nearly 5,000 years from contemporary Lima, Peru's bustling capital, and we've spent the last half-hour or so on a bumpy drive from the coast, along a dirt road blocked periodically by bleating herds of goats and sheep.

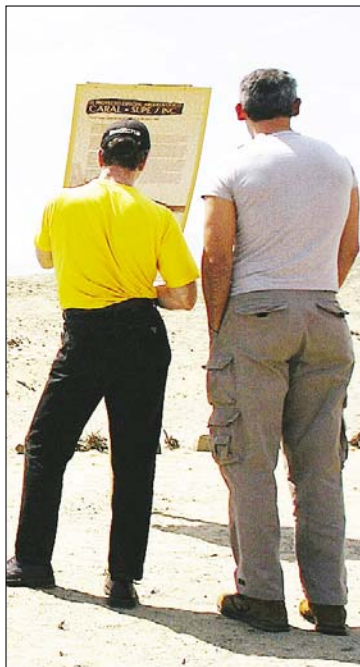
Caral made headlines in 2001 when researchers carbon-dated material from the city back to 2627 B.C. It is a must-see for archaeology enthusiasts.

Even though the ruins in the dusty, wind-swept Supe River Valley don't approximate in majesty the mountains that surround the famed Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, they are an unforgettable sight under the glow of a fiery sunset.

Dotted with pyramid temples, sunken plazas, housing complexes and an amphitheater, Caral is one of 20 sites attributed to the ancient Caral-Supe culture that run almost linearly from Peru's central coast inland up the Andes.

The ruins changed history when researchers proved that a complex urban center in the Americas thrived as a contemporary to ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt — 1,500 years earlier than previously believed.

But much remains to be discovered about Caral and the Caral-Supe culture that flourished here for more than a thousand years.



ANCIENT HISTORY: Tourists read a sign at the Caral ruins in Peru. The city is thought to date to 2627 B.C., around the same time Mesopotamia and Egypt thrived.

Ruth Shady, a Peruvian archaeologist from San Marcos University, discovered Caral in 1994, and was stunned by its size and complexity.

"Caral combined size with construction volume, but also it was a planned city," she says.

Caral received some 21,000 visitors in 2005, up from about 7,000 in 2003, the Commission for the Promotion of Peru says.

The ruins offer a front-row seat to archaeology in action, as scientists dust off piles of rock or supervise the reconstruction of a crumbling pyramid wall that thousands of years ago gleamed red, yellow or white.

The ancient society comes to life with the help of these archeologists, who make up about half of the site's tour guides along with locals whom they have trained.

The 163-acre city was the administrative center for a complex civilization.

While only crudely reconstructed, the society's clear class distinctions are evident in the wide variety of home sizes and neighborhoods.

One complex thought to have

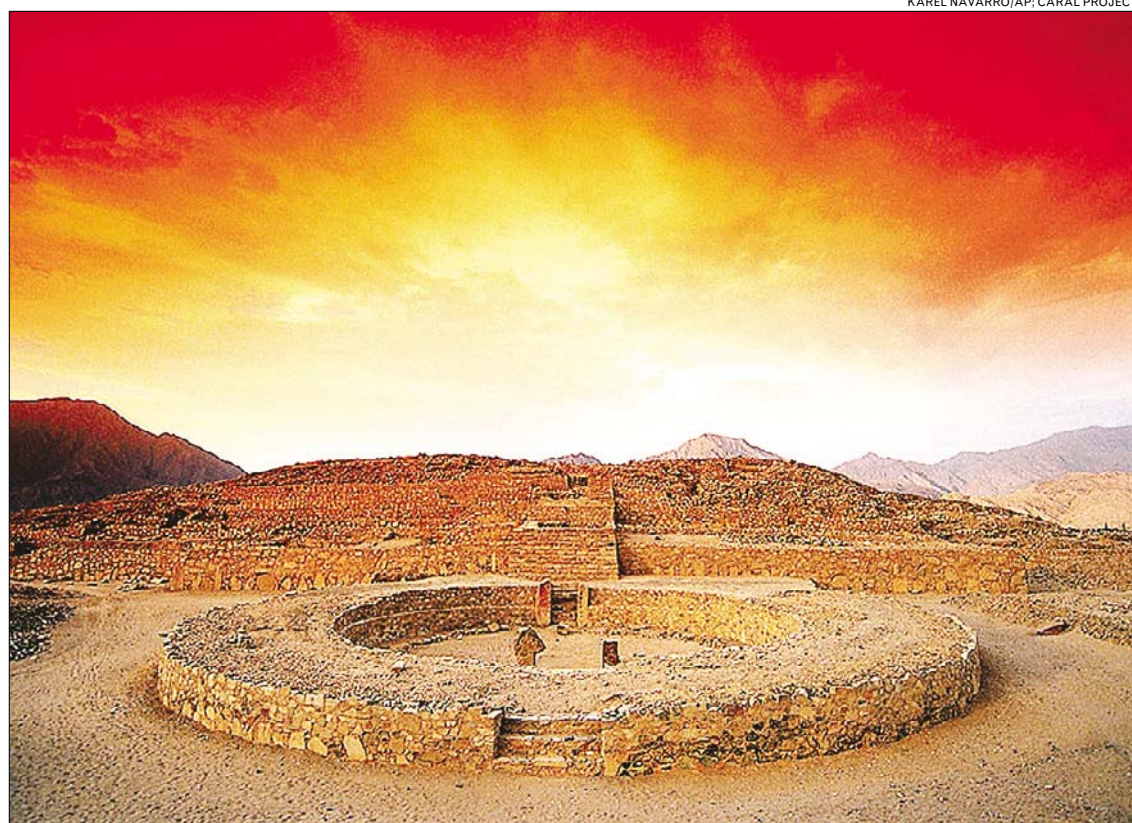
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KAREL NAVARRO/AP; CARAL PROJECT/

Can You Dig It?

“[It is] a symbol that in America there had been the same capacity to create civilizations as ancient as in the Old World.”

RUTH SHADY
SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY

housed farmers was partly excavated on the outskirts of Caral, on a dry and inhospitable patch of land, while a spacious home for wealthy families was built beside the important and impressive Huanca Pyramid, with its steep staircases that narrow as they reach the structure's flat top.

Caral's largest social class was dedicated to agricultural production, Shady says. Farmers, using irrigation canals, nourished their crops of pumpkin, squash, sweet

potatoes, corn, chili peppers and cotton with the waters from the Supe River. Shady has also uncovered evidence of extensive trading. Shrimp and mollusks from Peru's coast have been found at Caral.

Caral-Supe residents capitalized on the various climate zones they inhabited by growing a wide variety of foods. The region's agriculture and fishing industries complemented each other.

"They managed an economy that articulated the productivity" of the various regions, Shady says.

Painstaking detective work and reconstruction is necessary, as these archaeologists, little by little, uncover a lost world.

"We're going to be able to learn about the social system, the economic and political organization, the ideology," Shady said of the excavations throughout the Supe Valley.

"It's very important because it's the oldest civilization in America. And for that reason, native peoples see it as a symbol that in America there had been the same capacity to create civilizations as ancient as in the Old World." **LESLIE JOSEPHS (AP)**

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Hitting Washington Heights

NEIGHBORHOODS | Just like today's Penn Quarter, Adams Morgan is an invented name, brought to existence in the 1960s to promote racial and social harmony in the neighborhood surrounding the Adams School on 19th Street Northwest and the now nonexistent Morgan School on Champlain Street Northwest.

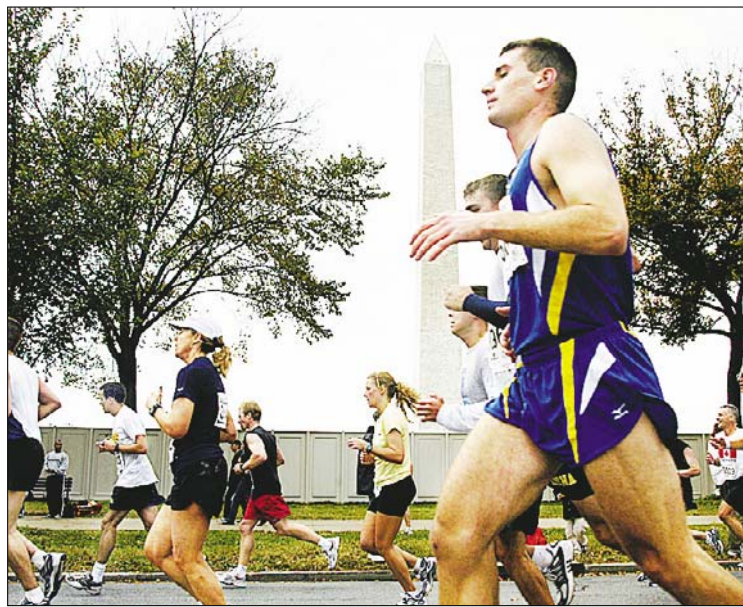
According to an entry at WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/CITYDESK, community activists in tony Kalorama have dug up an ancient name for a recently approved historic district in Adams Morgan: "Washington Heights" — a name that hasn't appeared much since the Taft Bridge was built over Rock Creek a century ago.

If there is a lobbying effort to

get Washington Heights added to the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metrorail station, might someone also insist on adding Kalorama Triangle and Lanier Heights — two other Adams Morgan-area sub-neighborhoods — to the station name, too? How does Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan/Washington Heights/Lanier Heights/Kalorama Triangle sound? (That's 71 letters, if you're counting.) **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

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1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Is Michael J. Fox exploiting his illness for politics?

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54% 46%

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Doctor's Orders

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Live Online

On Adoptions

VICKI PETERSON, executive director of Wide Horizons for Children, a non-profit child welfare agency was online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss celebrity and regular adoptions.

Did you see Madonna on "Oprah" or have you read about it? What is your reaction?

Yes, I was impressed with her answers. As someone who has also been to Africa, I totally agree with her feelings that it is impossible to be there and not have it impact your life. Seeing children who have so little is extraordinarily painful and motivates one to want to do something to help. I really don't know very much about Madonna, but I think she is quite genuine in her desire to help the children of Malawi.

Do you think the controversy over Madonna's adoption helps or harms the image of international adoption?

My feeling is that anything that helps to bring awareness of the

needs of children who are living in orphanages is a good thing. On the other hand, the fact that the only way this seems to happen is through controversy is unfortunate.

Can you give a ballpark figure for a non-celebrity interested in adoption?

In general, most adoptions will end up costing in the range of \$15,000 to \$25,000. That's a very big range because it depends on where you are adopting from and the fees where you live. In some parts of the country, home study fees are higher than other areas. Also, travel expenses are quite different in one country from another.

Everybody talks about adopting babies. What is the story with adopting toddlers? Is there a greater fear of developmental issues or health problems?

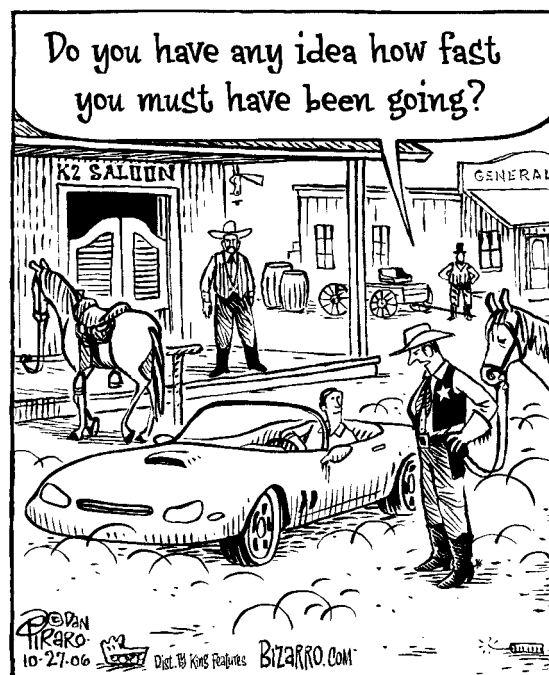
Many people who have not parented before feel more comfortable with the idea of starting out with a baby. A word of caution here: The younger a child is, the less you actually know about possible medical problems. The other side is that the older a child is, the less input you have in a child's early development.



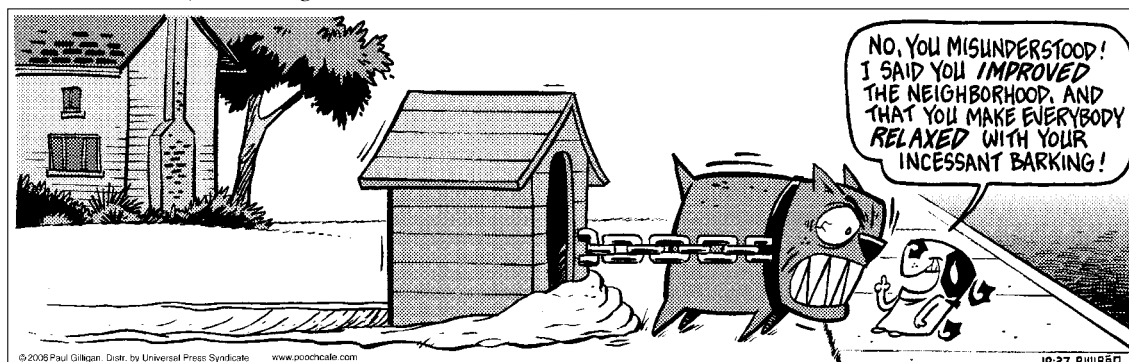
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He was good. Maybe too good.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You won't be able to read anyone's mind, but with a little luck you may be able to second-guess the competition and gain the advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your enthusiasm is on the rise, but you must take care you're not looking at things in a manner that is too simplistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can expect to receive something special from someone who has maintained a close relationship with you through thick and thin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take care that something that begins as a friendly game is not allowed to develop into anything more serious — or, worse, threatening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone is sure to be protective of you, but this doesn't mean you are free to take excessive risks. Do your part; play it safe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone expects

riencing some difficulty at this time will surely appreciate your easygoing ways. You can provide timely assistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your own personal magnetism may actually make things more difficult for you. The truth is, you're in the mood for a little solitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you expect those around you to follow your instructions correctly, you'll have to make things clear from the start. Be encouraging.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not be performing quite up to par at this time, but you'll strike a creative compromise with a teammate that pays off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What seems to be perfect for you may actually be deceiving. Take care you're not walking into some sort of trap. Use caution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Those around you will appreciate your positive energy. You've been flirting with a bad mood, but you should be able to keep it at bay.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll come to a greater understanding of the way things are — and of the way things work. Your ability to adjust will surely pay off.

Letters

Too Much Sex in the Paper

SEX, SEX, SEX. Is that all our society thinks about? I find it somewhat ironic that Express will publish stories about the atrocities committed by sex offenders, serial killers and even politicians and then turn around and publish sexy, suggestive images. Thursday's paper had no less

than three images that were blatantly sexual (Pages 2, E10, E20) plus at least two dumb and offensive full-page advertisements ("Axe Recovery Shower Gel" and "Night Dreams"). I don't want to see these images while reading the newspaper on the way to work. Clean up your act, Express, set a standard of modesty and good taste, and, perhaps, we can effect a change in our society.

—ALLISON MCKEE
Alexandria, Va.

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1904 The first rapid transit subway, the IRT, is inaugurated in New York City.

1938 Du Pont announces a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

1947 "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, pre-



"You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, debuted on ABC Radio in 1947.

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2005 Harriet Miers withdraws her nomination to the Supreme Court.

LOOKout People



Reichen chisels his face every morning.

UNSOLICITED MEMOIRS We Didn't Ask Him, So Why Is He Telling?

LANCE BASS' boyfriend, REICHEN LEHMKUHL, says they've been dealing with threats ignited by his new memoir about being gay in the military. "We have to be very protective," Lehmkuhl told "Inside Edition." "I am not going to hide," said the former Air Force captain and "Amazing Race" winner. (AP)

EVIL Activists Destroying World, One Small Child at a Time



"So-called human rights activists are harassing me every day," said the father of Madonna's Malawian baby on Thursday. "I'm afraid David may be sent back. ... He will certainly die." (AP)



BAD MODEL Back in the Clink?

NAOMI CAMPBELL was back at a London police station Thursday after allegedly being involved in an altercation. Metropolitan Police said Wednesday that officers were called to an address in central London and arrested a 36-year-old woman. She was released on bail. Police declined to say whether Campbell, 36, was that woman or otherwise involved. (AP)



DEMANDS We Will Not Rename the City 'Mimi's Butterfly Land'

MARIAHCAREY's Hong Kong concert was canceled Thursday because of poor ticket sales and what promoters said were Carey's "unreasonable demands." Promoter Concerts Asia said it had only sold 4,000 tickets. "We have decided to cancel the event

She also wanted H.K. to secede.

effective immediately due to both the poor response of public ticket sales and also due to specific last-minute demands which we find wholly unreasonable and not with the best interests of Hong Kong, us and also the fans," said a statement posted Thursday. (AP)

EW WWW After, the Judge Bathed In Hand Sanitizer, Alcohol

SARA EVANS and her allegedly abusive, porn-watching husband, Craig Schelske, agreed in court Thursday to divide money from a joint account.



Evans dropped out of "Dancing With the Stars" and filed for divorce from Schelske two weeks ago. (AP)

TRANSLATION 'If I Buy a Few Years, He'll Come to His Senses'

SHAKIRA and the son of an ex-president of Argentina have talked about marriage but are waiting for now, her potential father-in-law was quoted as saying Thursday. Fernando de la Rúa said the popular singer and his son, Antonio, "prefer to wait. ... Kids today would rather live as a couple; they don't believe that marriage is necessary to be happy." (AP)

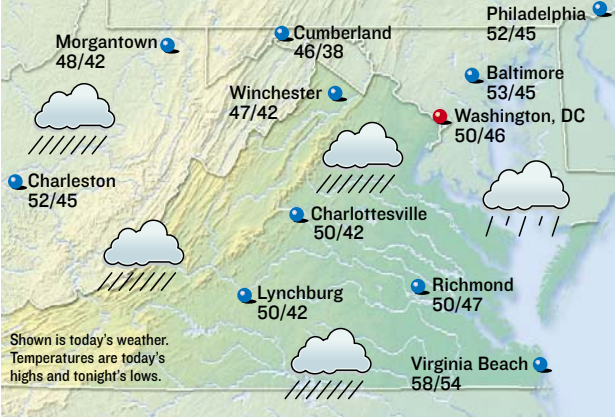


Her future father-in-law has no intention of actually being her father-in-law.

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Year to date 39.26"
Last year to date 39.12"
Normal year to date 32.77"

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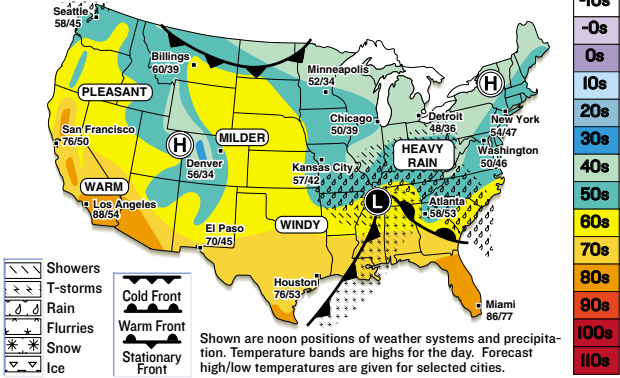
D.C. Metro: Today, rain. High 50. Wind southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, rain. Low 46. Saturday, rain early. High 59.

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Sunrise today 7:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:14 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:00 p.m.
Moonset today 9:55 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, October 27



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	58/53/r	62/46/pc
Boston	52/43/s	50/44/r
Chicago	50/39/r	51/34/pc
Dallas	70/53/pc	75/48/s
Denver	56/34/s	63/34/s
Honolulu	84/72/pc	84/71/pc
Los Angeles	88/54/s	86/55/pc
Miami	86/77/pc	88/68/t
New York City	54/47/pc	59/44/r
Orlando	85/70/c	82/58/t
Seattle	58/45/c	59/43/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	61/48/pc	61/56/pc
Athens	72/61/pc	72/59/s
Berlin	63/41/pc	59/45/pc
Buenos Aires	64/50/c	72/59/pc
Calgary	42/29/c	43/24/pc
Dublin	57/54/sh	63/55/sh
Geneva	70/50/pc	69/48/pc
Moscow	52/45/c	47/32/c
Rome	75/57/s	75/59/pc
Sydney	77/56/pc	63/49/s
Tokyo	63/54/pc	67/56/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

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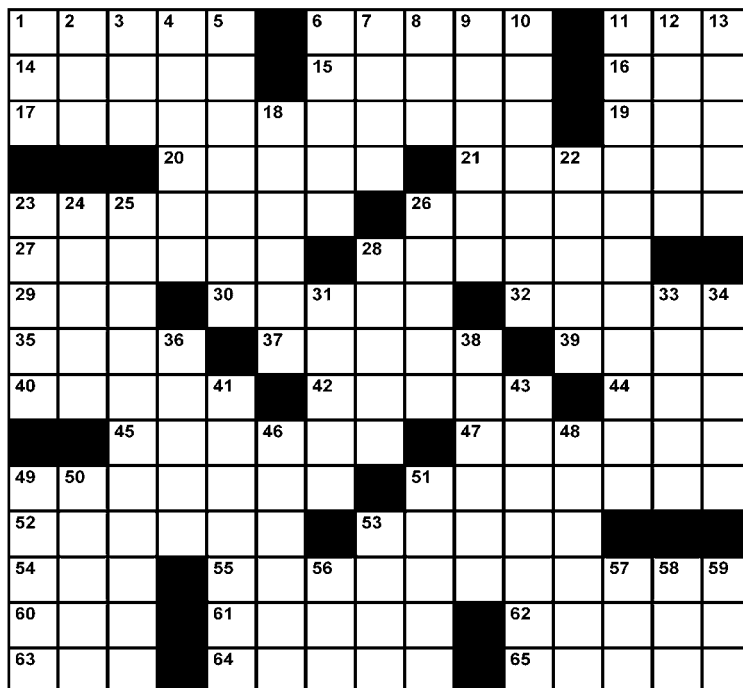
ACROSS

- 1 Mutilates, in a way
6 Sao ____
11 Holm of "Chariots of Fire"
14 Off-center
15 Part of a staircase
16 Timer's start?
17 Complaint overheard in a restaurant (Part 1)
19 Engine part
20 She wanted to be left alone
21 Dick Tracy's hat
23 Feels acute distress
26 Ended a detente
27 Ran under the tap, e.g.
28 Scene of confusion
29 Braying beast
30 It may be cast out
32 Fleet of foot
35 Sullivan's "really big" one
37 Contract add-on
39 Place aboard
40 Bit of embroidery
42 Hemmed without hawing?
44 It can be big or little
45 Biblical dozen
47 Computer key
49 Refrigerator part

- 51 Pulled back
52 Parish head
53 Jury makeup
54 Lilly or Whitney
55 Restaurant complaint (Part 2)
60 Mouse place
61 Diabolical sort
62 Intrinsically
63 Potato or needle part
64 Hang-ups
65 Care for

DOWN

- 1 Pins are made here
2 Wood used for tool handles
3 Musician Turner
4 Mixes, as companies
5 Avoided an accident, in a way
6 Backsides
7 Tragic Ethiopian princess
8 Walk all over
9 Flipped, as pages (with "through")
10 Painful trials
11 Waiter's deduction (Part 1)
12 Cognizant
13 One without a permanent address
18 Farming implement
22 Advances against earnings



- 23 Perceive
24 Hindu sage
25 Waiter's deduction (Part 2)
26 Refresh
28 Portends
31 Skintint
33 "The Trip to Bountiful" author
34 Tammany boss
36 Baddest of the bad
38 Exchange for money
41 Bits of inside information

Yesterday's Solution



Su | do | ku

Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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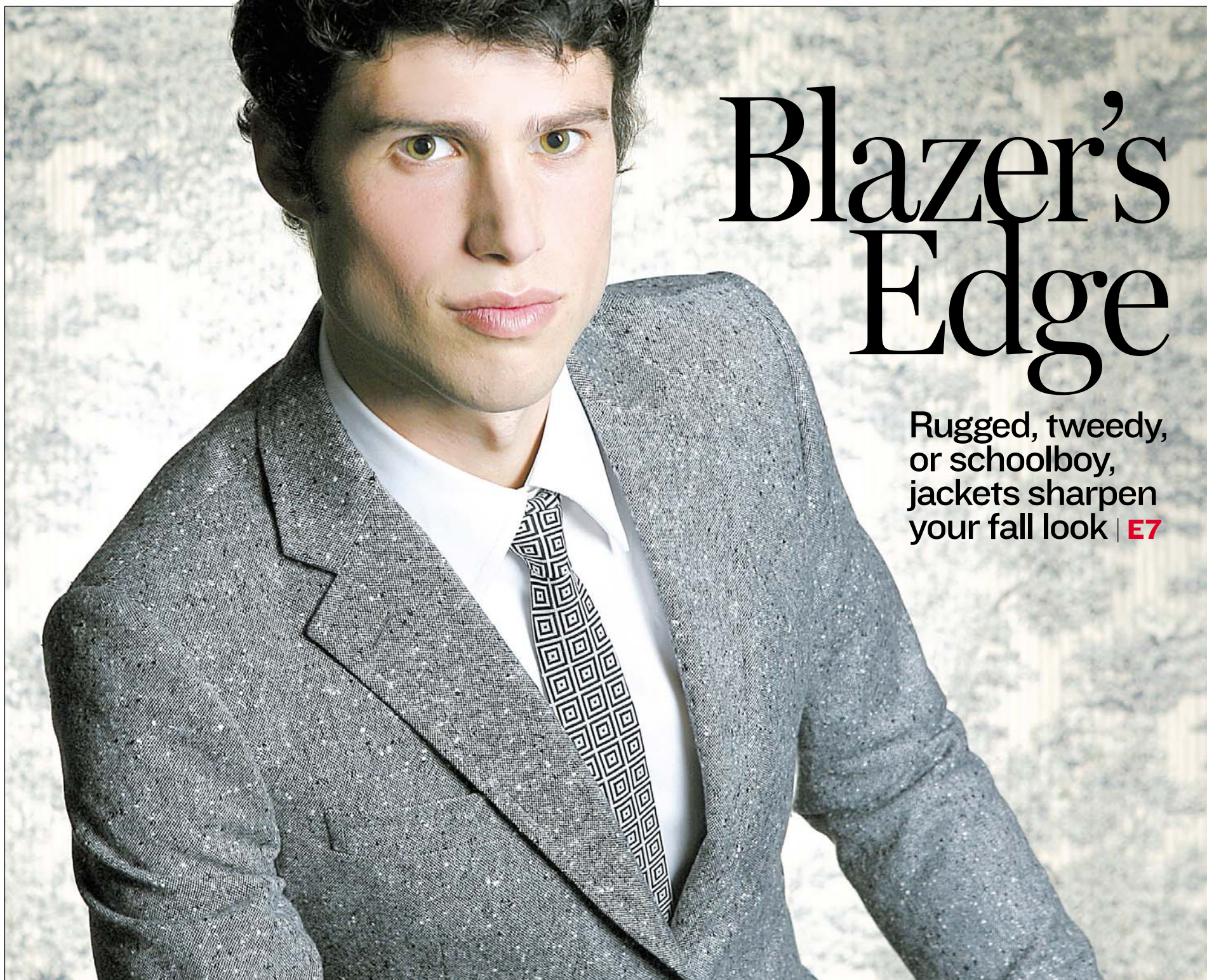


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■ **The horrors of apartheid** force Luke's character in "Catch a Fire" to transform from a regular guy into a South African freedom fighter. In real life, his metamorphosis has been much happier: from working in the Sony Pictures gift shop to starring in "Antwone Fisher." Now, he's settling into his role as an established leading man.

How long after "Antwone Fisher" did you realize you'd made it?
When I went from catching two or three buses to get to work — in California, there's not a lot of good public transportation — to driving a car. Our car had gotten repossessed, but they gave it back. I actually bought my wife a car first.

So you treated her before you treated yourself?
I was so happy to go home and say, "Baby, it's time to go shopping." I've gotten good points for that.

Do you like shopping, too?
I love fashion. To me, it's like acting. You can assume characters any day of the week. Clothes can be a weapon or a uniform, so I love creating a style of my own.

What's your style?
Comfortable, confident, and I let my wife say sexy. I like Gucci, Sean John, Dolce Gabbana, Jil Sander.

What are the other perks of an actor's life?
You get to travel to different places and see different things. In Cape Town, I loved Table Mountain. It's where the Atlantic and Pacific meet, and you have this rainforest town. Johannesburg was like New York, with cultures of so many different people.

Did you bring back any souvenirs from Africa?
Besides pictures I took, I have a couple of African art pieces. One is a carving of a mask. Another is from when I met my character, Patrick.



JIM COOPER/AP

Derek Luke

ACTOR, STAR OF "CATCH A FIRE" (OPENS FRIDAY)

He lives with all of these orphans that he's taken in. I got there and they began to sing to me and they made me this banner with my name on it. It's one of my most treasured possessions.

What was it like to meet Patrick?
It was my first time in South Africa, and my director took me on this four-hour trip to where he

lives. It's amazing to meet a real-life person you're portraying. And then the first thing he said was, "Do you know Beyonce? I'm coming to America and she's going to like me."

But you don't know Beyonce?
No. I had to hear about her through the whole shoot, though. He also thought he was much better look-

"I love fashion. It's like acting. You can assume characters any day of the week."

ing than me. He had wanted Cuba Gooding Jr. or Denzel Washington. But when he saw me he told me I would do.

How great were the clothes you got to wear in the movie?
In the '70s, clothes meant a lot to the movement and the culture. Africa in so many ways mirrored what was happening in the U.S. My character gets to have an Afro and bell-bottoms. Nobody would just wear a T-shirt. You came ready to boogie.

And you get to do that in the movie, too.
Whenever I get the chance, I'll be on the dance floor until I'm soaked.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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1 Chow on Craniums

DAY OF THE DEAD, with its Frida Kahlo cred and honor-the-departed rituals, always seemed hip-per than Halloween. Now the Nov. 1 holiday is sweeter, too, thanks to Vosges Haute Chocolat's new candy skulls (\$8 each, vosgeschocolate.com) in flavors such as Red Fire (chiles, cinnamon, dark chocolate) and Barcelona (almonds, salt, milk chocolate). Also ghoulishly good: Vosges' chocolate-covered tortilla chips.

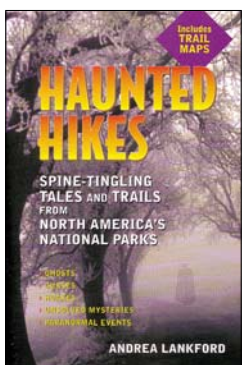


Grab Bag



3 20th-Century Foxy

WIDE RIBBON TRIM. SUBTLE PIN TUCKS. Lettuce hems. Sweet, retro details make frocks and separates from Secrets of Charm look like what an especially fashion-forward 1940s chorine might sport after the show. Now on the marquee at Betsy Fisher (1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975), designs by sister act Estee and Sharon Elkayam include a flutter-sleeved wool jersey dress (\$340) and a silk-satin blouse (\$250) that would add "His Girl Friday" flash to a dark suit.



4 Following a Trail of Fears

FOOTSTEPS OF a spectral miner reportedly can be heard on a path at Great Falls. From trails above Harper's Ferry, hikers might see John Brown's ghost. Paranormal rumors from pretty places fill Andrea Lankford's lively, anecdote-loaded "Haunted Hikes" (\$17, Santa Monica Press). If you take its treks, pack gorp and ghost-busting spray.

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Project NPR

THE ULTIMATE FASHION SHOW is your boss' Halloween party, so the intellectuals at National Public Radio asked "Project Runway" alums to channel their skills into costume ideas (see npr.org for results). Daniel Vosovic dreamed up this elegant "Alice in Wonderland" ensemble (he'll be the Mad Hatter). Kara Janx garbs the whole family, with mom as Heidi Klum, dad as Tim Gunn and child as neck-tattooed Jeffrey Sebelia. Sanity-challenged Vincent Libretti will be clad as a house; his 7-year-old son will be a termite.



Genius Not Guaranteed

5 YOU HAVE A BEST-SELLER in you somewhere. Extract it with the "No Plot? No Problem!" kit by Chris Baty, founder of National Novel Writing Month, aka November. His system of threats and rewards is meant to generate 1,667 words a day for 30 days. "Onerosity coupons," for example, punish laziness. Those who write 50,000 words win. See nanowrimo.org for info.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I need suitably hot shoes for Halloween. I'm going as a sexy witch. —SABRINA

■ Manolo says, you may perhaps, like the Manolo, remember when the Halloween was the minor holiday celebrated only by the small children and the superheroes, and by the teen-aged hooligans who threw eggs at the homes of their algebra teachers.

Ayyyy, but now the Halloween, it is the massive celebration of the adult



unbound, the holiday during which even the mildest and mousiest librarians and church ladies unleash their inner hoochies, strutting out into the night wearing the micro-miniskirts and the "Pretty Woman" boots. "Why Ms. Gildersleeves, the Manolo had no idea you had the Harley-Davidson tattoo in that particular place." However, far be it from the Manolo to dampen your enthusiasm for appearing in public as the sexy housewife "June Cleavage," wearing nothing but the garter belt and flowered apron. Thus the Manolo would recommend to his witchy friend the Butane by the Charles David (\$449, zappos.com) as the suitably eerie black boot, one that would undoubtedly help her place many men under her spell.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Adam looks sharp in a Donegal tweed Band of Outsiders schoolboy blazer (\$1,155), slim silk tie (\$125, bandofoutsiders.com) and poplin shirt (\$145, Hugo Boss, 1517 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-625-2677). Photo by Michelle Repiso.

Paint Fixes, Fabric Finds

Q I just bought a house in which there's lots of custom painting on the walls, faux finishing and even a mural that might be Venice. I can't find the original owner or artist. How do I go about matching the paint and the stroke techniques to touch up a damaged spot?

Decorative paint jobs, especially ones that were done by pros, should be fixed up by another faux finisher or decorative artist. There are lots of them in the area, many with Web sites that'll show their work and list references. If you call one, most times they'll come to your house, check out your walls and give you an estimate. They'll usually give you a sample of their work on a small piece of card stock.



A few good local pros include Billett Collins Studio (301-670-5550), Rising Tide (443-831-1758), Plaster & Faux (202-363-4332, plasterandfaux.com) and Valley Craftsman (410-366-7077).

If you don't like the faux finishes in your place, you don't even have to keep them. You could paint over them, either with a new decorative technique or with a plain old color. Or, heck, paint a couple of "Lost" characters into that Venetian mural — just make the look yours.

If you decide to try your hand at faux finishing, Behr (behr.com) and Ralph Lauren (rlhome.polo.com)



UP AGAINST THE WALL: A faux finish can add a sunny atmosphere to your pad.

make kits that'll let you do things such as create a mock suede surface or do a color wash — a technique that can give walls a "Year in Provence" country charm.

Q I want to make some pillows and maybe a swag for my bedroom window. Where can I find cool fabrics at moderate prices?

D.C. isn't textile heaven, like the Garment District and the Lower East Side in New York, but you can discover some good fabrics here.

Start at one of the four area branches of G Street Fabric (gstreetfabrics.com), where the home sections feature bolts of damasks, velvets and cottons arranged by color. Calico Corners (calicocorners.com) is also good, especially if you have trad taste. The cheerful stores offer coordinated collections, which makes it easier to create a scheme. Both G Street and Calico Corners offer upholstery-, bedding- and curtain-making services; Calico Corners has its own line of furniture.

Discount Fabrics USA (discountfabricsusa.com) boasts an easy-to-surf, online selection of remnants and yardages; you can also visit its store in Thurmont, Md. (108 N. Carroll St.; 301-271-2266).



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What Would Randolph Wear?

Express meets Italian style face to face

The many statues of yesterday around Europe are beautiful but do not offer much in terms of fashion advice. Loincloths and loose drapery are great, but only for toga parties or lounging around the house. If you want to Euro-ify your wardrobe, turn not to the art but to the people, who traverse the streets with a bounty of grace and style. "But wait," you holler. "How am I, a lowly resident of the D.C. metropolitan area, supposed to take style cues from the Old Country?" Option 1: A powerful telescope. Option 2: Former Express intern Maya Silver, who's studying abroad in Italy.

This week, ask yourself: What would Randolph wear (WWRW)? For his afternoon smoke, Randolph of Florence sports an off-white linen suit, a casual yellow shirt and a cigar — half hobby, half fashion accessory. He is a column of vanilla gelato with a splash of pineapple, personified.

Randolfo's age-softening, yet edgy, outfit is representative of the Italian aesthetic's key ingredient: "la vita bella" (the beautiful



Randolfo had never heard of Express, and, more than likely, never will again.

life). Italians look comfortable in their skins and happy to be alive. But you need more than a smile to be chic (Randolfo doesn't even need the smile). To steal his look, snag mistershop.com's **BEACH WEDDING SUIT** (\$269), to be rocked on any semi-warm occasion with a brightly colored shirt. Women can attempt the Randolph with Juicy Couture's **SAFARI PANTS** (\$94), **SAFARI TIE BLAZER** (\$132, nordstrom.com) and a vibrant necklace or pair of earrings. Top it off with a smooth, sleek cigar. MAYA SILVER

Garb Around The Globe

My Space: MySpace.com had such promise. At least, it did before your boss saw your vacation photos and your mom shrieked, "Is that a tattoo?!" Why do they call it MySpace when anyone — we're looking at you, stalker high school boyfriend — can invade it? Claim an area that's truly yours. Visit the UPS Store (see ups.com for locations) to buy as much space as you want; we got the most they had for \$20.



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Just because you're low on ideas and cash doesn't mean you should spend yet another Halloween dressed as a beer can or a naughty nurse. Also, everyone is going to be dressed as a slutty congressional page this year. The trick (and treat) to these costumes is wordplay. The best part? Each of them can be put together for less than \$30. JAMIE PAGE DEATON



Open Sores Code: Impress the Microsoft-hating IT people at your office with an ode to Linux. Nasty facial wounds and a few lines of Java is enough to make any techie smile, because together they make open sores code. Backstage Inc. has all your weeping wound supplies (\$20, 545 8th St. SE; 202-544-5744; backstagebooks.com), while a blank T-shirt from Target (\$5) and an iron-on kit from Michael's (\$5) compile (see what we did there?) into a bug-free costume for geeks and the nerds who love them.



Hairy Potter: Sure, you remove the jackets from your Harry Potter books when you read them on the Metro, but it's tough to pass up a chance to pay homage to Hogwarts' favorite son. Harry is a tough costume for adults to pull off without looking creepy, and no one wants to see you wearing a dish towel and claiming to be a house elf. Distinguish yourself from Harry's ankle-biting fans with this Hairy Potter ensemble. Wear a beard (\$7) and wig (\$18) from Backstage Inc., and carry the potted plant that's been languishing on your balcony.



An Inconvenient Truth: Now that Al Gore and friends have brought global warming to everyone's attention, it's time for you to own up. While you may not personally be melting the icecaps (who has time to stand around in the Arctic with a hair dryer?), there is something you do that hurts the planet and your fellow man. Own up and reveal your own Inconvenient Truth. All it takes is a blank T-shirt (\$4.48, Target) and an iron-on kit (\$5, Michael's) to issue a wake-up call to the planet. Our choice: "I stand to the left."

EVENT HORIZON

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→ How did Socrates get those bitchin' wavy locks? Learn about ancient Greek hairstyles from cosmetologist Janet Stephens. Graham Auditorium, Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore; Nov. 5, 2 p.m., \$5; 410-547-9000; thewalters.org

→ Gawk at the runway offspring of EDUN, Loomstate and other labels at Fashion Fights Poverty. The show benefits BeadforLife, which fights poverty in Uganda. Carnegie Library, 801 K St. NW; Fri., 6 p.m., \$145-\$215; buy tix at fashionfightspoverty.org



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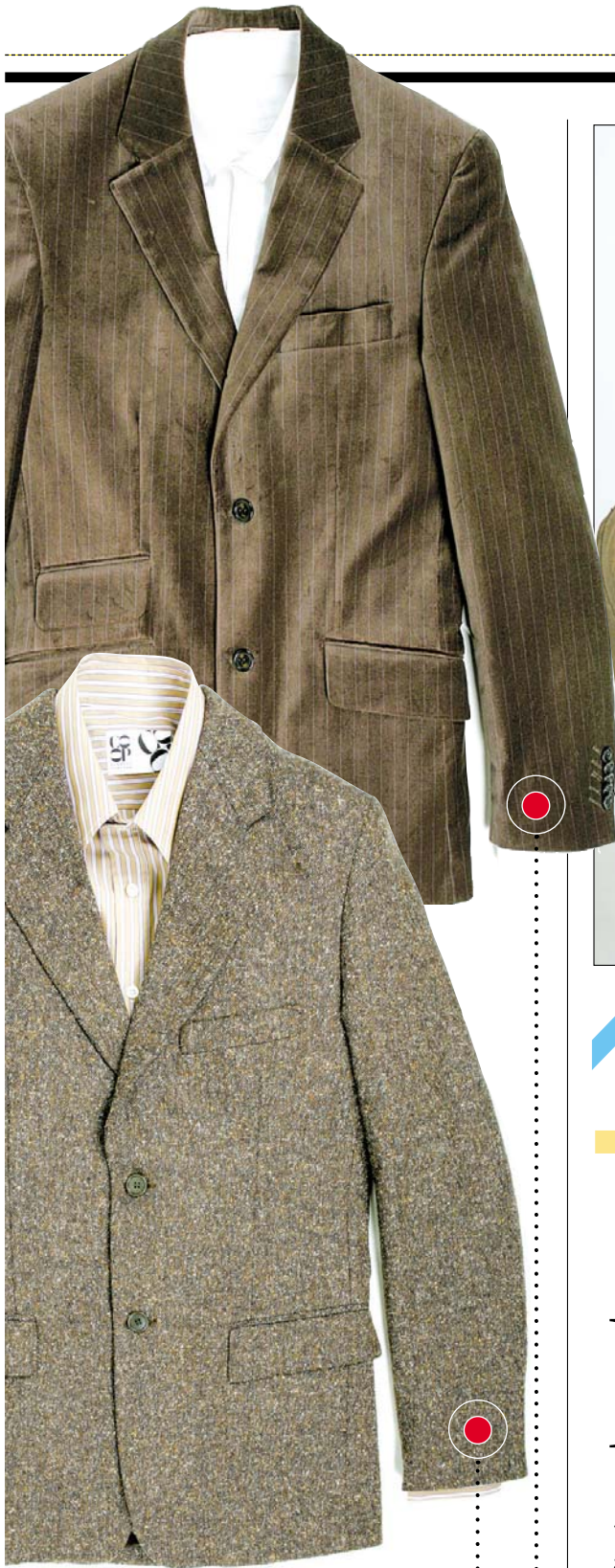
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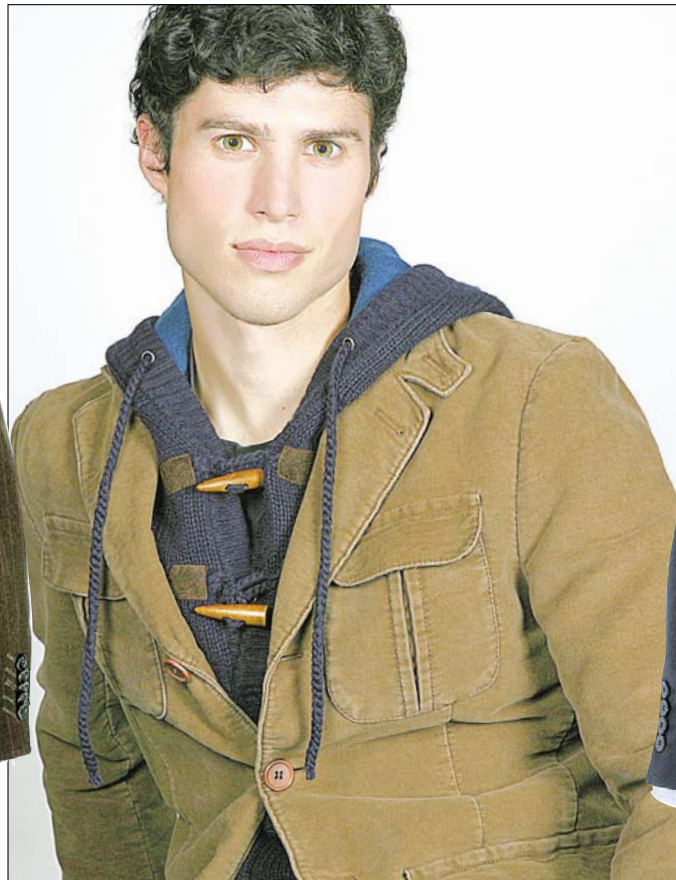
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TWEED NOT ONLY summons visions of lovely, chilly spots (Cotswolds, the Moors), but it breaks the monotony of black or blue office wear. Barney's Co-Op's fine-gauge blazer plays well with khakis or jeans. Mix it with a striped shirt for a modern match. (\$295 AND \$150, BARNEY'S CO-OP)

A COUSIN OF THE SMOKING JACKET, a velvet blazer looks swanky for dinner out or a holiday bash. Avoid being mistaken for a lounge singer with an unusual texture or pattern, like 4You's tobacco-hued model with gray stripes. Pair it with Nicole Farhi's white shirt. (\$160 AND \$225, MULEH, 1831 14TH ST. NW; 202-667-3440)



HIPSTER MEETS PREPSTER with Chinook's rugged jacket in cozy cotton moleskin (so Steve McQueen!) over Trovata's wool and angora hoodie. (\$295 AND \$240, BARNEY'S CO-OP, 5471-C WISCONSIN AVE., CHEVY CHASE; 301-634-4061)

Jacket Required

Some males (schoolboys, professors) have always worn blazers. And for good reason: The staple keeps them warm and dresses up everything from tees to button-downs. "It's part of this Ivy League vernacular guys are comfortable with," said Band of Outsiders' designer Scott Sternberg. So, whether you choose tweed over a sweater or a Franz Ferdinand-skinny black coat with a T-shirt, remember it should fit snugly (yet still allow movement) and match many things in your closet. A bonus? Whether you wear it in the barroom or the boardroom, a blazer always makes you look smart. CORY OHLENDORF



WHO NEEDS A RATTY FLEECE? Sharpen a casual outfit with Ben Sherman's sand-colored cord topper and RVCA's Gothic crest thermal, a step up from those contrived concert tees. (\$179 AND \$49.50, SOUTH MOON UNDER, 2700 CLARENDON BLVD., ARLINGTON; 703-807-4083)

BLAZERS TRACE THEIR roots to 19th-century boating jackets. Hugo Boss reimagined the punter's fave in herringbone wool cut slim and short. (\$545, HUGO BOSS, 1517 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-625-2677). Further twist the country-club aesthetic with a fitted oxford and knit tie. (\$205 AND \$125, BANDOFOUTSIDERS.COM)

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Daylight: Who Really Needs It?

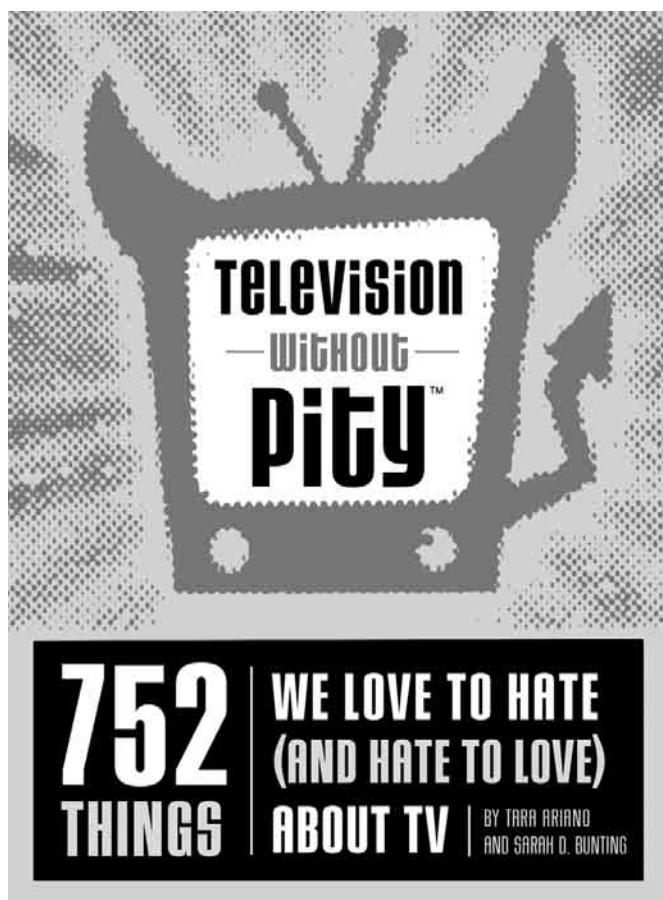
■ You've spent the week mumbling, "fall back in fall." Now all your co-workers think you're crazy, and no one will sit next to you on the Metro. Yes, daylight-saving time ends on Oct. 29, which means it's time to party in the dark.

Though it seems like just an excuse to create mnemonic devices, daylight-saving time is a critical part of the nation's energy-saving policy. It works so well that in March, Congress voted to extend it. According to a press release



from Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who proposed the change with Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., "this new law means that Americans will be able to enjoy four more weeks of sunlight in the evenings. That translates into less electricity consumed, less crime, fewer traffic fatalities and more opportunities for outdoor recreation." Geez, it's almost like the congressman doesn't like the dark!

So plan your party around an activity that can only be enjoyed under the cover of night: a ghost tour. Steal your crew beforehand with autumnal foods, such as minestrone and potato-cheddar soups (\$4.25 a pound) from Balducci's (see suttongourmet.com for stores) or individual chicken pot pies (\$7). Alexandria Colonial Tours offers ghost walks in Old Town at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. nightly (\$8, alexcolonialtours.com). Because daylight-saving time may cut back on energy consumption, but it won't make your heart race like haunted darkness will. JAMIE PAGE DEATON



Sarah Bunting, top, writes at TWoP under the name "Sars," as well as attomatation.com. Tara Ariano's TWoP handle is "Wing Chun"; she can also be found at taraariano.com.

Viewing to Kill

Amuse a group with wit, a TV and a good (or very bad) show

Tara Ariano and Sarah Bunting have sucked up more work hours than any watercooler with televisionwithoutpity.com, the snarktastic recap site they launched in 1998 as Dawson's Wrap. The duo has expanded its media empire to print with "Television Without Pity" (\$16, Quirk), an encyclopedia of TV ephemera. They spoke to Express' Kristen Page-Kirby about entertaining around the tube.

What are the essential elements of a TV-viewing party?

BUNTING: You've got to pick a show that is or was universal, one that everyone is sufficiently familiar with and can enjoy. Like "90210" — even if you haven't seen every episode,

you know the basic plots.

ARIANO: Because they require less backstory, awards shows are really good. For the Oscars, you don't have to have seen any of the movies to comment on what people are wearing, or make fun of people who are drunk, or of people taking too long and thanking their entire entourage.

Plus, you can win an Oscar pool without seeing any of the movies, which my mom did once.

What kinds of foods work best?

B: Anything involving cheese is metaphorically important.
A: Nothing drippy. You don't want to deal with cutlery, or even a plate. Corn dogs are good.

What rules should one follow?

A: Certainly, there are a number of drinking games. This is a really popular topic on our boards. Every show has something. Like for "90210," sip whenever Brenda throws a s***fit, or Brandon judg-

es somebody, or Andrea looks like she's 8,000 years old.

Do you allow talking?

A: I prefer to not, unless people can wait for an appropriate moment. But my sister, brother-in-law and I watch "Lost" and "The Amazing Race," and I am definitely most guilty of talking, so thank God for the DVR.

B: I mean, if we're talking about shoes, that can wait. Show the proper reverence for the material!

Who should you not invite?

A: Your grandma. She won't shut up. I mean, maybe your grandma is hip, but if I invited mine for "Lost," there would be a lot of "Who is that?"

B: Don't invite people for whom watching TV is like listening to jazz. I mean, if you're watching "The Sopranos," don't invite the guy who is going to drone on about how one shot is like some Sergio Leone shot from a million years ago.

A: You don't want to invite the person who is going to pooh-pooh

everything they see and be all like, "Ewww, reality TV!"

B: The key is to keep the group small, especially if it's for a good show. But, like, "My Super Sweet Sixteen," which is deliriously bad and yet deliriously rad, you don't even have to know people. Everyone will get a kick out of it.

What are the best shows for TV parties?

A: "Project Runway" and "America's Next Top Model."

B: Well, "Runway" just ended. But you can still do it on DVD. "Amazing Race" is a good one. Any "Law & Order" is good. "Criminal Intent" is especially full of drink-ing-game fodder.

A: So is "SVU," just based on the guide. Look at the description, then bet on who is going to take it personal this week. Is it gonna be the pregnant lady? Is Jerry Lewis going to show up and be related to Munch for some reason? It's like they don't care about the case unless it's related to them.

How have TiVo and other DVRs changed the viewing experience?

B: When there's a debate, you can just pause it and let people get the nerdiness out of their system. The only downside to DVR culture is you don't have that same experience across your time zone.

A: People can get refills and go to the bathroom and you don't have to yell, "THE SHOW'S STARTING."

Are there any TV events that really demand a party?

A: Season finales are usually a solid bet.

B: Premieres, too.

A: If someone's gonna die.

B: But not on NBC. They claim someone's gonna die every week.

A: If they bring someone back. But not Noah Wyle, because they bring him back every week.

B: "Buffy"/"Angel" crossovers — when those happened, it was just sit on the couch, put on an adult diaper and maintain church silence.

How can people use your book at their TV soirees?

A: How CAN'T you?

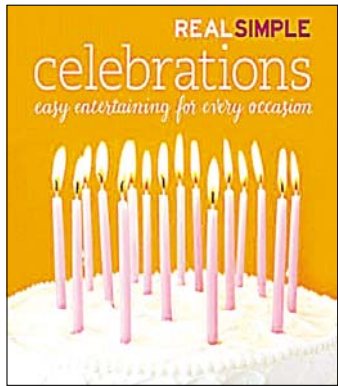
B: Make sure everyone has a copy.

A: Put it in your goody bag!

B: Have a copy on the table and in the bathroom for research.

A: Bet-settling, too.

B: Great for stocking stuffers!

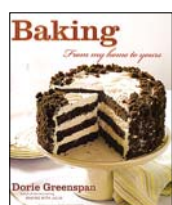
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BOOKS

Bake Some Friends

■ Did half the office catch you taking the last cup of coffee without brewing a new batch? Bribe your way out of exile with Dorie Greenspan's **BAKING: FROM MY HOME TO YOURS** (\$40, Houghton Mifflin). Classics such as chocolate-chip cookies are suitable for minor faux pas; if you really put your foot in it, try the caramel pumpkin pie or chocolate amaretti torte. She includes variations for many of the recipes — you know, in case you keep screwing up. **PERRI KENNEDY**

BOOKS

Celebrate Simply

■ **REAL SIMPLE CELEBRATIONS** (\$28), a non-intimidating guide for the party-impaired, was designed for those out of whom

Martha Stewart scares the crap. Ideas include using a red wagon as a beverage cart for a summer barbecue. Easy recipes pair with idiot-proof crafts to ensure your next birthday party, New Year's event or summer barbecue will be a low-stress success. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**

BOOKS

Whistle Some Dixie

■ Mmm, pimento cheese. Southern hearts will sing with glee at the sight of **THE LEE BROS. SOUTHERN COOKBOOK** (\$35, Norton). There's some tinkering to appease Yankee obsessions with calories (it's not ambrosia without marshmallows, boys), but you'll find traditional recipes for burgoo (a Kentucky dish where you cook the hell out of lamb and other meat), gumbo and hushpuppies. **K.P.K.**

A Real Fashion 'Do'

Trade cast-offs for new-to-you treasures at a swapping soiree

She who shops too much shall often find her closet overfloweth with too-big Seven jeans, blouses that clash with her eyes and other fashion detritus. But one girl's trash is another girl's flash, so rather than auction extras on eBay — and before hauling anything to the thrift store — I recently hosted a clothing swap. Kind of like trolling a resale boutique for free, the bash cleaned out my wardrobe and netted me some new duds. And the best thing? It was a fab excuse to party with girlfriends, and it didn't involve buying Pampered Chef rubbish or watching reality TV.

The plan: Bring your tired dresses, your poorly fitting stilettos (good stuff, not pre-Isaac Mizrahi Target rejects), then trade and barter with a dozen other frugal fashionistas. All attendees were told to spotlight 10 fave items; other clothes were heaped



If the '80s are in, can '90s bodysuits be far behind? Kathy Speakman, center, demos perpetually tucked-in chic for Elizabeth Jackson, left, and Melissa Garcia, right.

Steal My Party

in the basement and guest room for people to rummage through, like Boston bargainistas at a Filene's Basement sale.

Then, gals stood up one by one — tongues loosened by pear saketinis — showing and telling why others might want her silver sequined sweater (worn one hot night in Vegas) or flowered Ann Taylor cocktail dress (looks

Southern sultry with peep-toes).

Tales of fashion faux pas — micro-short skirts on first dates, ugly bridesmaids dresses — spurred laughs and lively conversation. And party guests served as a built-in team of fashion judges (step aside, Heidi Klum and Nina Garcia) as my friend Patty tried on my old Tahari dress pants and sisters Anne and Page duked it out over a Banana Republic frock.

If you don't want your swap to descend into a "Dynasty"-style catfight over loot, I'd recommend using a dispute pile. If an item (like the hot-pink espadrilles one pal brought) incites a riot, put it in a stack. Then wait till the end of the party, so guests can model any objects of desire and have other partiers vote on who looks best in that vintage Lacoste shirt or the somber suit you wore to a mean ex's funeral.

For modest "shoppers," put up a folding screen, or do as I did, and send them to the powder, er, fitting room. Got a garment rack? Use it to hold clothing à la T.J. Maxx. Otherwise, pile apparel on furniture by item type (tops on the futon) or size (mediums on the bed). And be sure to invite people of different shapes — nobody wants to be the only size 12 in a room of Kate Moss skinnies, or vice versa.

In the end, I scored a cool argyle tunic top and a T-shirt with a sparkly red skull. My amis went away with mighty stylish castoffs. We divided unswapped clothes into garbage bags for charity, and everyone loaded a few into their car trunks.

Now if only I'd gotten rid of more of the party cheesecake. I ate so much, I might need to have another swap to get my lucky, loose Sevens back. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**

POSSESSION OBSESSION ►► MARTIN G-16 GUITAR

Strung Along by a Rockin' Guitar

■ Tom Meyer spends his long workdays approving menu specials and dreaming up new restaurant concepts as an executive vice president for Clyde's Restaurant Group. But before heading to the office, he begins his mornings in a calm manner: strumming his Martin G-16 guitar.

The six-string baby has an Adirondack sprucetop and mahogany sides. He bought it two years ago, when he and his 12-year-old son William made a pilgrimage to the Martin factory in Nazareth, Pa. After touring the facility, Meyer got directions to a little shop that sold guitars. "There were a few elderly women there," he remembered. "It looked like a place where you'd rent a clarinet for the school band." But the tiny storefront

opened onto a barn filled with hundreds of guitars. There, a salesman had Meyer put on an apron, and he spent an hour and a half trying instruments before choosing his. "My son and I bought the guitar together, so it's a family heirloom," he said. "It'll get mellow as it ages."

In his a.m. sound garden, Meyer uses the jumbo acoustic to play "old stuff, Grateful Dead, Rolling Stones, a little bluegrass." Lessons over the years have made him an agile guitar slinger. "I have some musical friends, and we'll get together and have a hootenanny sometimes," said Meyer. "But, mostly, the guitar is a private thing for me. You've got to make a little music every day." **J.B.**



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Kelly Casey, Chris Van Horn

Kelly, 28, is an elementary school teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools. Chris, 29, is in the Old Guard, stationed at Fort Myer. They will live in Arlington after they marry.

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony and reception for 250 guests on March 17 in Arlington.
- **How They Met:** On a blind date.
- **First Date:** Pizzeria Uno's for dinner and drinks.
- **How He Proposed:** Chris painted "Will You Marry Me" on his wall. Then he "told Kelly we were painting the room

that weekend."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Green cargo pants that Chris wears," said Kelly.

■ **When She Knew:** "Laying on the beach after everyone had gone in for the day, just listening to his MP3 player," said Kelly. "We had become that annoying lovey-dovey couple on the beach."

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** The bridesmaids will be in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "People taking the St. Patrick's Day 'celebrating' a little too far," the couple said.

■ **The Dress:** "NOT STRAPLESS," said Kelly. "Every wedding we have been to in the past five years has had a bride in strapless. Not this bride."

■ **Mmm, Cake:** A Bailey's Irish Cream mousse in a chocolate shell with raspberry puree.

When Kelly met his family, she met the entire extended family.

Erica Lynch, Donfred Napoleon

Erica, 29, is a log editor for comcast sportsnet. Don, 33, is a producer for Gearshift TV and OCTT Channel 16. They live in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** A Baptist ceremony on Dec. 30 in the bride's hometown of Lynchburg. The same minister that baptized Erica will officiate.
- **How They Met:** They worked in the same building. "I spotted her for months, and when I had the guts to approach, I

couldn't get the words out," said Don.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Kramer Books.

■ **Their Song:** "Stars" by Kindred. "The words fit our situation so well," said Erica.

■ **Pet Names:** Punks and Punx. "It's short for pumpkin," said Erica.

■ **How He Proposed:** At the workplace where they met. "Everybody in the building knew about it," said Erica.



"He had a runway of flower petals, a love seat (in case I fainted) and a big screen with a montage of our pictures as a backdrop."

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** Don is Haitian, so a song will be in French, plus a possible reading in French or Creole.

■ **Making It Unique:** "Don, being a TV producer, has documented all of our planning, so we have been creating our own reality show. We're going to share an edited version with our guests at the reception," said Erica.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "Crying at the altar and my frat brothers laughing," said Don.

■ **Family Traditions:** "I am a man of Omega Psi Phi," said Don. "Our fraternity performs a team step and sings to the bride at the reception."



Heat, Spouse Included

Usually, the best you can hope from a friend's roommate is that he's not creepy. But JENNIFER COLAGUORI and ERIC WEXLER, who was rooming with Jennifer's friend from college, found something more — although it took awhile. At first, "I had a crush, but she had a boyfriend," said Eric. "I didn't really think twice about him when we met," said Jennifer. "Although we always had fun together, I never could have pictured myself marrying him!" Five years after meeting, they started dating.

Eric proposed in the summer of 2005 on a vacation to Montauk, N.Y. While at a jazz bar on the beach, "Eric excused himself to the restroom, where he was secretly calling the florist," said Jennifer. "Then we took a walk on the beach," which is when Eric asked. "All the while, the florist was decorating the entire house with roses, rose petals and candles."

Jennifer, 29, is a visual arts coordinator for VSA arts. Eric, 31, is an attorney for McChesney & Dale. They live in Washington and will marry on Nov. 18.



Nicholas Johnson, Melissa Wallace

Nicholas, 27, and Melissa, 28, are both economists with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. They live in Silver Spring.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception on Long Island, N.Y., on March 10. They expect 100 guests.

■ **How They Met:** At work. "She started a month before me," said Nicholas.

■ **First Impressions:** "Quiet, tall guy, probably had no personality," said Melissa. "So much for not judging a book by its cover!"

■ **Meeting the Parents:** "I was kind of shocked at how much her dad likes ketchup," said Nicholas.

■ **How He Proposed:** Under the moonlight on a beach in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. "The tough

"Since I'm an Orioles fan, her Yankees Mike Mussina shirt drives me up the wall," he said.

part was waiting for the guy with the metal detector to pass because he was kind of killing the romance," said Nicholas.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "How many items the dishwasher should have in it before we run it," said Melissa.

■ **Making It Unique:** "Since we've travelled all over the world, we're going to have a travel theme to the reception. Each table will represent a different country we've been to and we'll have our favorite beers from other countries as our 'signature drink,'" said Melissa.



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Silver Spring, Sprung

The 'burb is revived with movies, cafes and cool-cat condos

Silver Spring, Md., isn't a planned community or a municipality. The unincorporated zone just across the border from the District doesn't even have a mayor or a single elected official. Silver Spring defies many definitions, but its lack of a label doesn't detract from one fact: This neighborhood is convenient and growing.

Just seven miles northeast D.C., the Maryland neighborhood — named for a spring discovered by 19th-century journalist and politician Francis Preston Blair — is one of the region's fastest-growing business and resi-



WATER WORLD: A multi-jet fountain, shops and numerous restaurants draw kids and the curious to downtown Silver Spring.

dential centers. Its renaissance started in 1998, with a redevelopment agreement between Folger Pratt and Peterson Companies to

"It was much maligned ... now it's a thriving melting pot."

BRIAN HANEY
SILVER SPRING RESIDENT

revitalize and redesign the area. Discovery Communications' move to town in February 2003 helped jump-start the region's meteoric growth.

Area residents are pleased with the changes they've seen. Brian Haney, a 25-year-old banker for SunTrust, grew up in Silver Spring and has high praise for all the recent development. He recently bought a condo at the Silverton, a

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mod new complex carved out of a 20th-century Canada Dry bottling plant. "They've done a good job spreading things out and opening opportunities to new businesses," said Haney. "It was much maligned and run down just a few years ago, but now it's a thriving cultural melting pot."

Silver Spring's proximity to the nation's capital likely led to its surging Hispanic and African immigrant population. As a result, regional food is all the rage here. Take a walk down Ellsworth Drive and find everything from Thai, Vietnamese, Mexican and Jamaican cuisine to chain joints such as Chipotle, Red Lobster, Macaroni Grill and Eggspectations. There's plenty of fine dining to satisfy the populace's increasing sophisticated palate, too (see sidebar, this page).

And the second area branch of bakery CakeLove draws carb-craving hordes with its dazzling and daunting selection of fresh baked goods. (935 Ellsworth Dr., cakelove.com; 301-565-2253). Just sniffing the air inside, where bakers whip up buttercream frosting and dense cakes, probably adds a couple hundred calories to your daily reckoning.

Most area residents are young professionals or empty nesters who've moved here to enjoy culture, cuisine and a bustling condo scene. More than 3,000 new residential units are slated to go up in the next few years. Located just over the District's northeast border in Maryland, the vibrant and revitalized Silver Spring measures 61 square miles. Nearly all of its downtown area is pedestrian friendly.

In fact, it's planned that way. For instance, Arts Alley, at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Blair Mill Road, connects several businesses including Mayorga Coffee Factory (one of several downtown hot spots to offer free WiFi along with jolts of java), Moorenko's ice cream shop (which hosts weekly folk music concerts by toddler favorite Miss Belle) and The Gallery restaurant (a Latin American joint).

The area also holds an artists' market on the second Saturday of each month April through early December (weather permitting). The Alley is the first in a series of South Silver Spring Pedestrian

Urban Eats in Suburban Seats

Hip restaurants bring groove and good food to Silver Spring zone

Dining out in Silver Spring once meant little more than munching simple fare like a patty melt at the retro Tastee Diner (8601 Cameron St.; 301-589-8171). But these days, a foodie revolution of sorts has brought restaurants both upscale and unusual to this former culinary dead zone. Among our faves:

→ **CEVICHE** (921-J Ellsworth Dr.; 301-608-0081) uses red walls and mammoth windows to set the scene for a menu of South American-inspired refreshments from mojitos to casear salads with yucca.

→ **JACKIE'S** (8081 Georgia Ave.; 301-565-9700) employs young, stylish chef Sam Adkins, who doles out upgraded comfort food like meatloaf with sauteed Swiss chard or carrot cake with orange frosting. Located in a converted auto-parts warehouse, this "Are-we-in-Brooklyn?" hipster spot boasts a decor including Lucite



A pop arty interior and a diner-goes-downtown menu draw crowds to Jackie's.

cutouts, shaggy pillows and mod mirrors. It's popular, so reserve a table early.

→ **PIRATZ TAVERN** (8402 Georgia Ave.; 301-588-9001; piratztaVERN.com) just docked in the area, featuring a yo-ho-ho-worthy decor of skulls, crossbones and treasure chests plus fish-focused Caribbean cuisine (rummy drinks, cod fritters) and bartenders who sometimes swallow swords.

→ **RAY'S THE CLASSICS** (8606 Colesville Rd.; 301-588-7297) serves the sort of well-cut, well-priced hunks of beef known to fans of its Va. cousin, Ray's The Steaks. Views of the AFI Theatre across the street make up for the clubby-yet-slightly bland interior.

→ **RED DOG CAFE** (8301-A Grubb Rd.; 301-588-6300) bakes most of its dishes in a stone hearth oven. That means smoky treats like pizza capped with Gorgonzola, caramelized onions and walnuts or a rich macaroni and cheese. Works by local artists decorate the walls, adding to the funky vibe. L.T.



A bartender at South American hot spot Ceviche muddles limes for a Caipiroska, one of the many Latin cocktails served at the downtown Silver Spring restaurant.

Linkages projects aimed at transforming alleyways into destinations.

Silver Spring is also convenient to public transportation: Metro's Silver Spring station lies in the heart of downtown, and the Forest Glen stop recently became more accessible due to a \$7.7 million pedestrian bridge across Georgia Avenue (between Locust Grove and Forest Glen Road). There's also VanGo, the area's free shuttle that runs throughout the downtown area Monday through Friday. It's so popular that urban planners are pushing to add weekend hours. And the Silver Spring Metrobus transit center, currently the second-busiest transit station in the system, will double capacity by summer 2009.

But many residents don't leave Silver Spring often, since both offices and after-work diversions are so plentiful. Families picnic on the unnaturally green patch of SoftLawn at the corner

"We eat out a lot. We're on the go most of the time, so this location is perfect."

SHANE SAUNDERS
SILVER SPRING CONDO OWNER

of Fenton and Ellsworth Streets Think highfalutin Astroturf: It isn't mowed — it's vacuumed and supposedly never causes allergy flare-ups.

Shops are also plentiful and varied, though mostly a chain gang including Ann Taylor Loft, Ulta, DSW Shoe Warehouse, Pier One and American Apparel. Nesters flock to Strosnider's Hardware Store (815 Wayne Ave.) for tools and gardening gear and its next-

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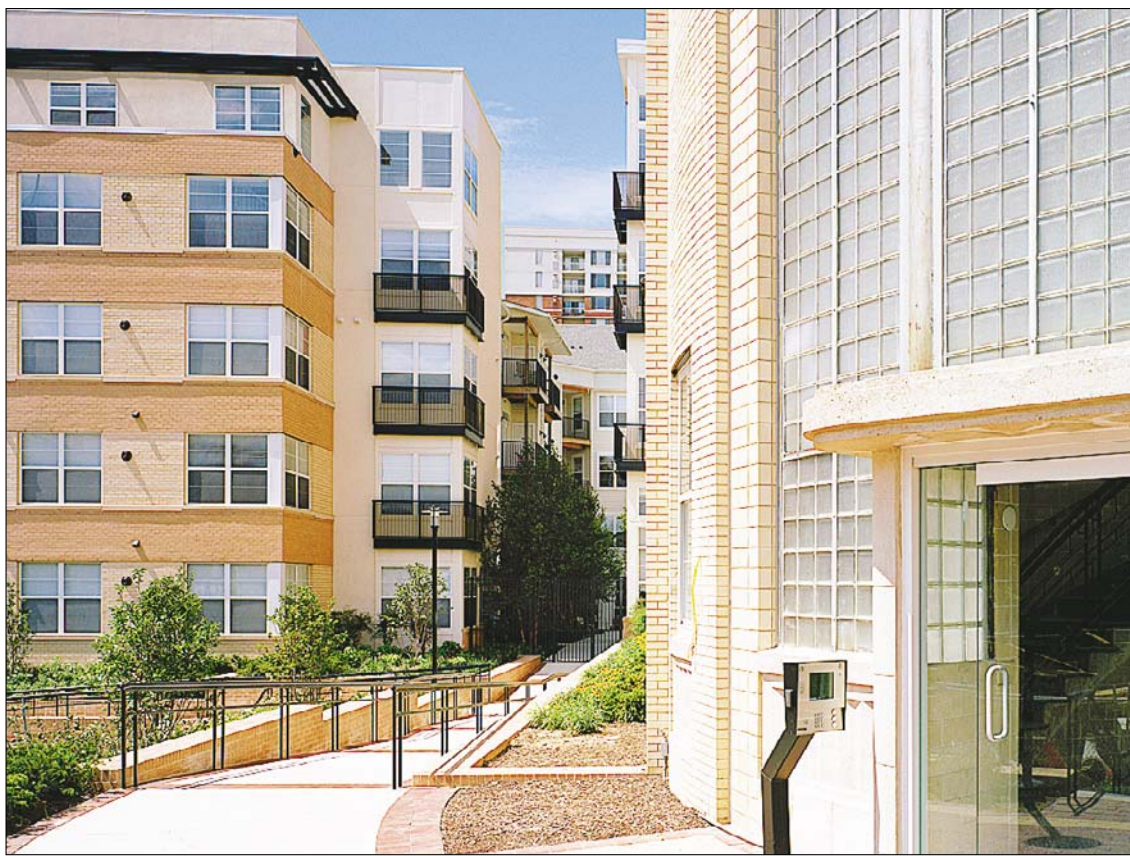
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door neighbor, Whole Foods, for groceries.

Perhaps catering to the increasingly young and fitness-conscious condo dwellers, the 'hood also boasts a healthy number of gyms. Scheduled to open late this year, L.A. Fitness (Fenton and Ellsworth avenues; 301-589-2323; lafitness.com) fills 48,500 square feet with 80 pieces of cardio equipment, a full-size basketball court and a 25-yard long pool. Gold's Gym, Washington Sports Clubs and Willow Street Yoga Center (8561 Fenton St., 301-270-8038; willowstreetyoga.com) also operate downtown.

Anyone wanting to live among the action has many choices, thanks to all the residential units going up or in place. Gary Stith, director of Silver Spring Regional Center, said: "Most of them are condos, which is a fairly new phenomenon in Silver Spring. There weren't any [condos] until about two years ago, but now with



RECYCLING CENTER: The Silverton, a new condo complex, was built in and around a historic 1946 Canada Dry bottling plant.

all of the amenities available, it's created the need."

Those amenities attracted Shane Saunders and his wife, Jennifer. "We were renting in Davidsonville [Md.], but we decid-

Plays, indie movies and art galleries lure the young and artsy to Silver Spring.

ed we wanted more of a D.C. atmosphere," said the 29-year-old financial analyst at DiLorenzo TriCare Health Clinic. "Silver Spring offers so much. My wife's big into shopping, and we eat out a lot. We're on the go most of the time, so this location is perfect."

The Saunders bought a top-

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floor condo in The Aurora, a 145-unit condominium building that replaced two 1960s-era office buildings on Eastern Avenue. Sold out before it even opened in 2006, it houses one- and two-bedroom homes that average from 500 to 1,100 square feet and cost between \$320,000 and \$379,000. The two buildings, one 10 stories and one 12, are connected by a dramatic lobby and landscaped garden area. Saunders said Silver Spring's — and the Aurora's — location influenced his decision to buy here. And it's proven to be a sound choice, especially when it comes to keeping monthly expenses down.

"I save an extreme amount of money now. I used to drive to the Pentagon five days a week," he said. "Now we pay for one parking spot, and I walk to the Metro every day. We save so much on gas."

And then there's Eastern Village, a "co-housing community." This 1956 office building, located in the Southpoint neighborhood at 7981 Eastern Ave., was renovated and repurposed in November 2004 to hold 56 condo units ranging from 650 to 2,000 square feet.

Just what is a co-housing community? In Eastern Village's case, it's a residence with a large community dining hall for shared meals, a group living room, workshops, game rooms, a playroom for children and several other shared spaces that encourage togetherness.

Eastern Village has won several awards for its environmentally friendly design, including the 2006 Green Roof Award for Excellence. Its eco-friendly roof reduces storm water runoff and offers more space to hang out. Other "green" features include low-flow water fixtures, high-efficiency lighting, low-VOC paint and special glass windows for better insulation.

The upscale, luxury Mica at Silver Spring Metro opened about six months ago. Located at 1220 Blair Mill Rd., Mica offers one-, two- and three-bedroom units that boast granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances. There's also a state-of-the-art gym on-site; prices range from the \$200s to the \$600s.

Also popular with buyers — and on the design radar — The Silverton (1201 East-West Hwy.;

Starring on the 'Silver' Screen

Historic deco theater shows movies — old, new, indie and not

A festival of new French flicks. A screening of the silent vampire film "Nosferatu" with a live orchestra. The unusual celluloid offerings and deco-era digs of the American Film Institute and Cultural Center — nicknamed the AFI Silver Theatre — draw movie and architecture buffs to downtown Silver Spring.

Partially new construction, partially a glittering restoration of the 1938 Silver Theatre, the modern movie palace opened in 2003 as a collaboration between Montgomery County and the American Film Institute. It seats 675 people in its three decked-out theaters, where indies, foreign films, documentaries and classic features roll. State-of-the-art technology facilities can run movies in any format from 16 mm to digital. "As far as we know, it's the only theater in the world that can do that," said Gary Stith, director of the Silver Spring Regional Center.

Events include a Frankenfest of monster movies through Nov. 1 and, fittingly for such an iconic bijoux, a retrospective of Francis Ford Coppola films beginning Dec. 1 (8633 Colesville Rd.; 301-495-6720; afi.com/silver). L.T.



REEL WORLD: The restored, deco-era AFI Silver Theatre shows historic movies, new independent films and foreign flicks.



Co-housing community Eastern Village has game rooms, sculpture and kids' spaces.

silverspringcondo.com), which recalls its 1940s roots as a bottling plant via a sleek 210-unit complex that's all glass bricks, tall windows and mid-century mod curves. One- and two-bedrooms, some with dens, cost from the low \$300s to the high \$400s.

Several other condos are still being built, including Cityhomes at 1200 East-West Hwy. The mixed-use development with a scheduled 2008 delivery date will offer 247 condos and 10,000 square feet of retail space. The Adele, a proposed mixed-use, nine-story building to be built by the Freeman Group and Bloom Builders, will hold 96 condo units, 15,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space and 18,000 square feet of office space on the second floor (8260 Fenton

Condos in the area include a converted bottling plant and a co-housing community.

St.; 202-295-9000).

"We're an arts and entertainment district," said Stith. "We've done a lot to encourage arts. [From] concerts in the summer to the jazz fest in the fall, to the parade before Thanksgiving (Nov. 18 this year), and other live entertainment, we're really

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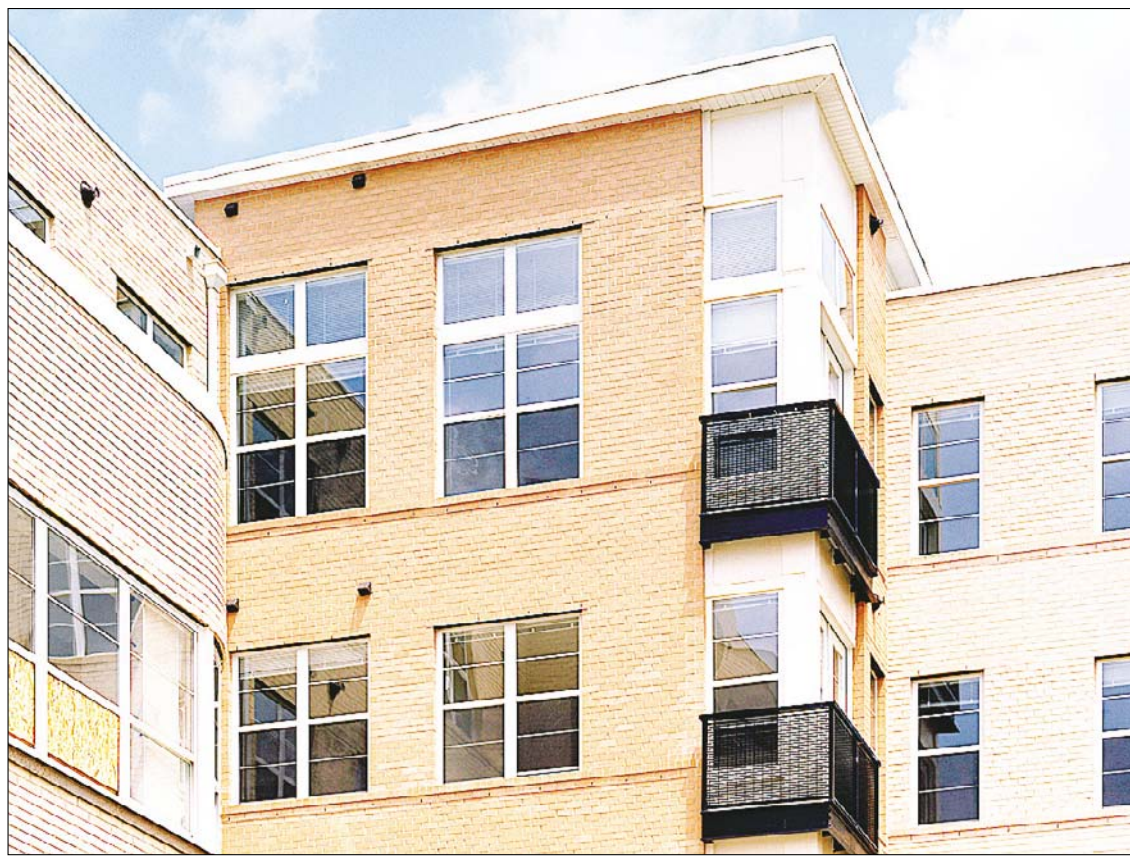
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focused on helping people have a good time.”

Silver Spring received the Arts and Entertainment designation in 2002 and is the only A&E district in Montgomery County. The reasons for these kudos? Cultural contributors from mega-employer Discovery Communications (discovery.com) to the intimate Round House Theatre, with its acclaimed resident theater company (roundhousetheatre.org, 240-644-1100). Alexandria, Va., concert venue The Birchmere plans to open a second location in the historic J.C. Penney building on Colesville Road, bringing bluegrass and folk greats to the area.

And with two major movie houses, the 4,500-seat Majestic Theatre for first-run movies and the historic AFI Theatre (see sidebar, page E6), Silver Spring is also a great place to check out the silver screen.

Other arts organizations also thrive. Pyramid Atlantic (8230



FROM THE PAST BRIGHTLY: Architectural details — floor-to-ceiling windows, metal rails — add a retro vibe to The Silverton.

Georgia Ave., pyramidatlanticcenter.org, 301-608-9101) hosts shows, workshops and studios for contemporary print and paper artists including origami folders, paper makers and bookbinders. Alchemy gallery (8025 Georgia Ave., artandalchemy.com, 301-565-2262) features eclectic arts, fine crafts and home furnishings made by more than 90 local artists. And Three Keys Music (8121 Georgia Ave., threekeys.com) packs 3,500 square feet with recording studios.

And there's more to come. The vibrant downtown area also should get a library, civic center and veterans' plaza in the next few years.

Whatever label it's assigned — A&E district, suburb or village — Silver Spring has morphed into a surprising cultural mecca. “Within a two-block area, there's about 9,000 seats of entertainment and restaurants,” said Stith. “You can come down here and have a great time.” **LYNN THORNE**

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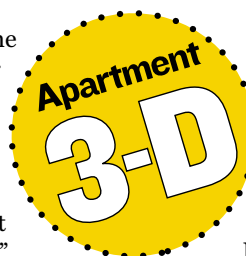


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The Kitchen Shrink

✱ **More than** a decade ago, Denise Medved threw a fajita and margarita bash for 25 friends, doing everything in her tiny Old Town Alexandria kitchen. Thanks to advance prep work and canny organization — a blender in the living room, a collapsible table put on duty — she achieved big results in a small space. Her experiences in that micro-cucina led her to write "The Tiny Kitchen." "The idea is that even a teeny room shouldn't keep you from entertaining or cooking," said the now-Annandale-based author. "You have to improvise."

Though kitchens keep getting larger in the 'burbs, condos often have galley cooking rooms or not-sized-for-Emeril spaces. So Medved councils thinking twice before acquiring another whisk or investing in a fridge large enough to stash a side of beef. "Ask 'Do I have room for it? Will I really use it often enough to justify the space it will take up? Does it serve multiple purposes?'"



She'll counsel other cramped-quarters cooks Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at The Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show (metrocooking.com). One of her biggest recommendations? Buy compact gadgets — a garlic press the size of a credit card, a slim fridge — to leave plenty of room for chopping and dicing — and maybe a helper. Here's a feast of kitchen gear to help save space. MONICA BHIDE



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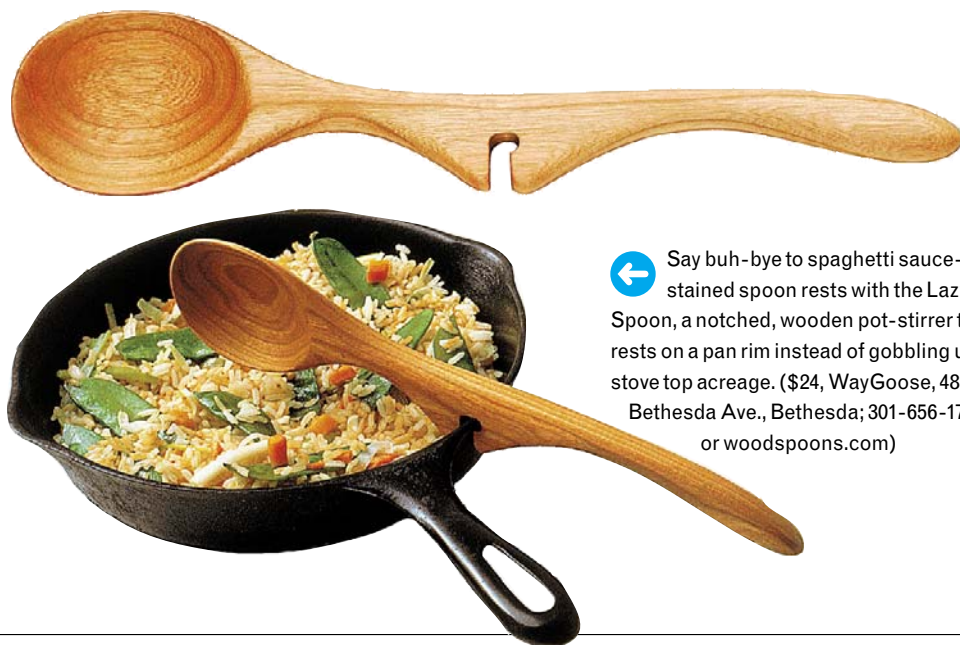


→ Brew loose-leaf tea without a pot via the Tea-zer, a single-serving device with a stainless steel infuser and a storage compartment for the hot water. (\$14; pacificcornetta-store.stores.yahoo.net/index.html)



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→ Yeah, most oenophiles dream of a Cask-of-Amontillado huge wine cellar. But if your condo's smaller than your appetite for vino, stash half a case in Cuisinart's new six-bottle countertop wine cellar. Eight pre-sets keep varietals at temperatures from Sauvignon Blanc ice cold to Bordeaux chilly. (\$129; kitchenkapers.com)



← Say buh-bye to spaghetti sauce-stained spoon rests with the Lazy Spoon, a notched, wooden pot-stirrer that rests on a pan rim instead of gobbling up stove top acreage. (\$24, WayGoose, 4848 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-1768 or woodspoons.com)



← Famous chefs such as the French Laundry's Thomas Keller use enamel, cast-iron Aga ranges, famed for even heat distribution and colorful good looks. The new Companion range, which measures a mere 24 inches across, features four burners and both a conventional and a convection oven. It comes in 15 hues, from eggplant purple to Big Bird yellow. (MSRP \$4,350; aga-ranges.com)



OFFICER SPACE: Arlington County deputy sheriff Jun Emmanuel Gan, with son James, in the condo he and his wife bought via a program that assists county workers.

one else to live here," he said. "The equity is going to [us]."

EAH recipients bought 33 units at the 58-unit property, formerly called Broyhilton Apartments.

Gan's new digs are one bus ride away from the Arlington County Sheriff's Office, so he also saves money on gas and parking. Overall, Gan believes he got a good deal. "One of the biggest complaints you hear at work is how ridiculous housing prices are in this area," he said.

That's an understatement. New condo construction in the Courthouse area usually starts in the mid- to upper-\$300s for a one-

"The way prices were, we were not going to be able to buy."

JUN EMMANUEL GAN
ARLINGTON CONDO OWNER

bedroom condo. New one-bedroom condos in Clarendon usually begin in the upper-\$300s.

In the past, government housing-assistance programs in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia focused on apartment residents who earned between 50 percent and 70 percent of the area media income (AMI) figure. The Department of Housing and Urban Development adjusts the AMI annually for specific localities. The AMI is used to determine eligibility for a variety of subsidized housing programs. HUD publishes AMI tables broken down by family size and locality annually.

Eligibility translates into a ceiling of about \$37,000 for a couple in Arlington. In Montgomery County, Md., the maximum income limit for a two-person household purchasing a moderately priced unit is \$50,000.

But now, in response to the shortage of reasonably priced homes on sale in the metro area, municipalities are partnering with some developers to set aside below-market-rate units for moderate-income workers who make too much money to qualify for affordable housing and too little money to buy anywhere near their workplaces.

A new stream of homeownership programs target those who earn up

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Mission: Affordable

Moderate-income buyers get condos with government help

In the summer of 2005, Arlington County handed Arlington deputy sheriff Jun Emmanuel Gan what amounted to a golden ticket redeemable for a discounted \$220,000 two-bedroom condo, which had a market value of \$232,000.

Gan, 29, had been randomly chosen by lottery for a condo unit through the county's employer-assisted housing (EAH) program,

which connects condo developers with employees from the Arlington County Government, Arlington Public Schools, nonprofit developer AHC, George Mason University, Marymount University and Virginia Hospital Center.

Through the program, residents such as Gan, who make more than the standard affordable housing income limit, can buy homes at below-market prices. All of these condominiums are located in Arlington.

When Gan and his wife, Rowena, a direct-mail list manager, were

given the option to buy in the spring of 2005, they had a combined annual income of \$75,000.

Earlier, the Gans had visited a lender to gauge their financing options for purchasing a home. They had been renting a garden apartment in south Arlington for two years.

"We were pretty much turned down," he said. "The way housing prices were at that time, we realized we were not going to be able to buy."

A month later, when Gan saw a memo on his office's bulletin board

about homeownership assistance available to government employees, he jumped at the opportunity. After sending in an application, the Gans were soon picked from a pool of work force applicants to purchase a unit at Dominion Terrace, a development off of Lee Highway that IDI Group recently converted into condos.

He and Rowena moved in mid-September of 2005. The 800-square-foot unit came with new carpeting, a refrigerator, dishwasher, stove and oven.

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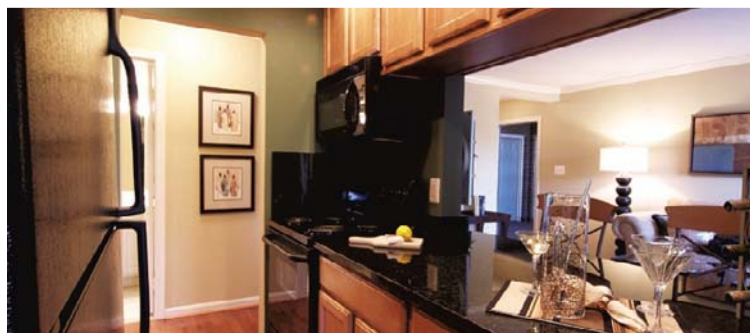
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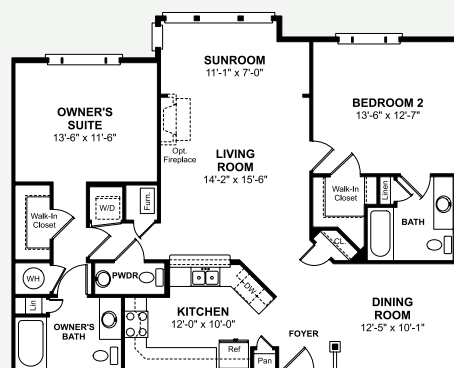


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Cindy Zukofsky, an Arlington County public school second-grade teacher, sits in the airy apartment she purchased via the county's Live Where You Work Program.

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to 120 percent AMI. Some of these opportunities are open only to government workers, while others are offered to anyone who makes only a modest living — somewhere between 80 percent and 120 percent AMI. Some programs are mandated by the local governments, while others are administered by developers, voluntarily, with no government subsidies.

The overarching mentality is that people who contribute to the local economy through toil and taxes deserve an opportunity to own a piece of the real estate pie, according to the government officials who back these programs.

Some jurisdictions use the phrase “work force housing” to label homes reserved for households that fall between 80 percent and 120 percent AMI.

But affordable housing advocates and some government officials say that term is a misnomer because people at or below 60 percent AMI — new teachers, dental assistants and security guards — are also part of the work force and should also be encouraged to buy local property.

Ken Aughenbaugh, the housing director for Arlington County, said: “‘Work force housing’ is a nice buzzword that I think is often abused. We consider all working households as part of the work force.” The county has homeownership programs intended for EAH employees and non-EAH employees at or below 60 percent AMI, he said.

So how does Arlington’s residential raffle work? Any first-time home buyer who lives or works in the county, earns at most 80 percent AMI and wants a below-market price property can get on a notification list.

When a developer works out a deal with the county to deliver units to this population, the county pulls names off the list at random. About 10 homes — usually condominiums — become available for sale each year. The chosen few then get the option to buy. Almost all raffle winners do.

“The statistics say a lot,” Aughenbaugh said. “Only around 30 percent of the county government work force lives in the county. We have more jobs than we have housing units.”

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Typically in Arlington, deals with the developer involve the developer getting something in return — say, increased density or a subsidy — for selling a certain number of discounted homes. In those instances, the developer is required to let the county divvy up the discount units among the individuals on the list.

For example, a couple years ago, developer Mark Silverwood, president of Silverwood Associates, arranged with the county to redevelop an old apartment property into 96 new condos, including 10 work force units, with new affordable rental apartments on the side. In exchange, his company got increased density and a loan for building the reduced-price units. The development, called The Sierra, is situated in Columbia Heights West in south Arlington.

The Sierra's one-bedroom condos started at \$255,000 for the general public, while the work force one-bedrooms — which boasted the same floor plans and amenities — went for \$115,000 each. The market price for its two-bedrooms was between \$370,000 and \$400,000; reduced-price two-bedrooms sold for between \$135,000 and \$140,000.

The whole project sold out in three months. "It was a pretty orderly process," Silverwood said. "It also keeps the onus off the developer, so it's not like there's favoritism."

Silverwood said he believes there will be affordable homes nationwide eventually, but acknowledges it will be a tricky maneuver. The Sierra project required five pieces of financing from Arlington County and Wachovia Bank, both of which he credits with making the American dream possible for his customers.

Still, Silverwood's profits would

Teacher Enrolls in Nesting 101

Arlington County aids educator as she buys her first condo

On a whim, Cindy Zukofsky, a 25-year-old Arlington County public school teacher, applied for a reduced-rate home through Arlington County's employer-assisted housing program after her principal suggested it last spring.

Two months later, she was the proud, young owner of a condo at Arlington Oaks, a former apartment complex that is 10 minutes away from her job. This year, she teaches second grade at Glebe Elementary School.

Zukofsky still can't believe she's a homeowner. She continues to refer to her home as her apartment. "Everyone keeps correcting me," she said.

Since she moved to the area a year ago, Zukofsky had been renting a room in her friend's two-bedroom condo.

Her school principal tipped her off with an e-mail about Arlington's Live Where You Work program, which gives Arlington government employees and Arlington Public School employees a forgivable loan toward the purchase of a home.

Through that perk she found out about Arlington County's employer-assisted housing (EAH) program,



Cindy Zukofsky in her apartment at Arlington Oaks, which she bought with a county loan. She's enjoyed decorating her pad with colorful furniture and accessories.

which connects condo developers with employees from the Arlington County Government, Arlington Public Schools, nonprofit developer AHC, George Mason University, Marymount University and Virginia Hospital Center.

Workers such as Zukofsky are offered the chance to buy condos at below-market prices. The purpose of the county program is to recruit and retain qualified employees and cut down on carbon emissions released by long commutes,

Arlington County officials say.

Developer AHC, which bought 60 apartments at Arlington Oaks two years ago, has sold about 24 units through the county's moderate-income homeownership programs.

Zukofsky entered her name in March of this year. Just two weeks later, county staffers called and gave her the option to buy a renovated, one-bedroom condo for \$200,000 with a \$4,500 forgivable loan, a low-interest mortgage rate and a

\$25,000 loan to cover the down payment and closing costs.

Zukofsky moved in May. She is now paying the amount she spent in rent each month to own the home. "Hopefully, I'll make a profit. Even if I broke even, it wouldn't be the worst thing. It's like living for free for five years," Zukofsky said.

She gushes over her new place. "You come in and it's as if you opened a Pier 1 or Crate and Barrel catalog," Zukofsky said of the newly finished hardwood floor, the living room painted rusty orange and beige and the bedroom cloaked in light yellow.

She admits that if she had been given a choice, she would have preferred to live a little closer to the Clarendon scene and buy a place with nicer amenities. "They put in low-end kitchen appliances," Zukofsky said of the new stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. "The windows are very, very old. I'm replacing them on my own."

But she's quick to say she feels lucky. "Honestly, it was the simplest process ever. I would suggest it to anyone that falls in the category of being able to do it," Zukofsky said.

"If you know you're going to be here or you're here now and you hear about this program, just do it. The opportunity is not going to come around again," she said. "You deserve to pay less." A.S.



Jun Emmanuel Gan and his family keep their Arlington County condo organized.

have been about \$1.8 million higher without the work force units.

Montgomery County, Md., has taken the bold step of trying to require that developers price some new construction units at levels realistic for working professionals.

In October 2005, the county introduced a bill that would create a work force housing program for people whose incomes are too high for the county's existing moderately priced dwelling unit (MPDU) homeownership program, which is capped at 70 percent AMI. The new program would cover people who make between 70 and 120 percent AMI — equivalent to \$86,000 for a two-person household.

The law would apply to future

developments in certain high-density zones near Metro stations. In addition, some developers who purchase county-owned land would be required to set aside work force housing.

Eligibility requirements for the nascent Montgomery County program haven't been established yet, and there aren't any units available right now, said Montgomery County officials. But in anticipation of the program, work force projects are already under way.

PN Hoffman and Stonebridge Associates are redeveloping a county-owned parking lot into a mixed-use property with retail and condos, including some work force units. The anticipated 245-

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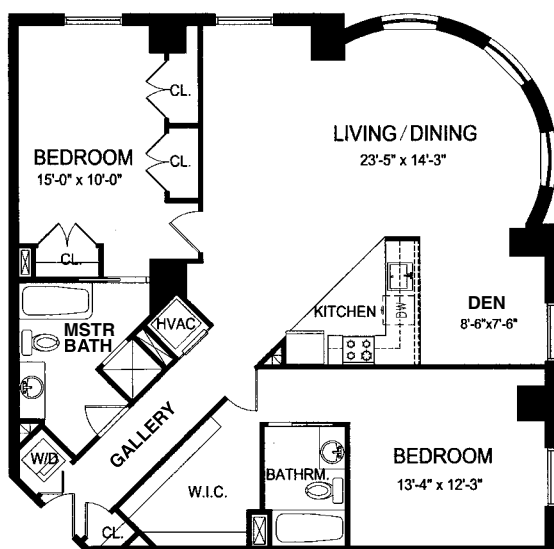
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Arlington County deputy sheriff Jun Emmanuel Gan now lives a short bus ride away from his office, thanks to a program that helped him buy a condo near work.

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unit complex in Bethesda will offer about 35 work force units, 27 MPDU units and 183 market-rate units, said Alanna Deal, a PN Hoffman representative. Sales are slated to begin in 2008 with completion projected in 2011.

Work force housing advocates say local governments are in different stages in terms of their attacks on the shrinkage of affordable housing in the region.

Montgomery County, Arlington, Alexandria and D.C. are "far more aggressive in trying to stem the tide of erosion," said Barbara Favola, chairwoman of the Washington Area Housing Partnership and an Arlington County board member.

Favola thinks the term "work force housing" has become a euphemism for "affordable housing" in suburbs like Loudoun, because residents there associate the phrase "affordable housing" with images of congested roads and unsavory new neighbors —

things they'd never put up with. Suburbanites are more comfortable with the idea of "work force housing," which summons visions of helping public-sector employees such as teachers and firefighters.

Reduced-price homes are a rare find, Favola said. Often, it takes developers, of their own free will, to convert an existing rental building without making as much money as they would make otherwise. "Basically, they have the social conscience," she said. "These developers are few and far between."

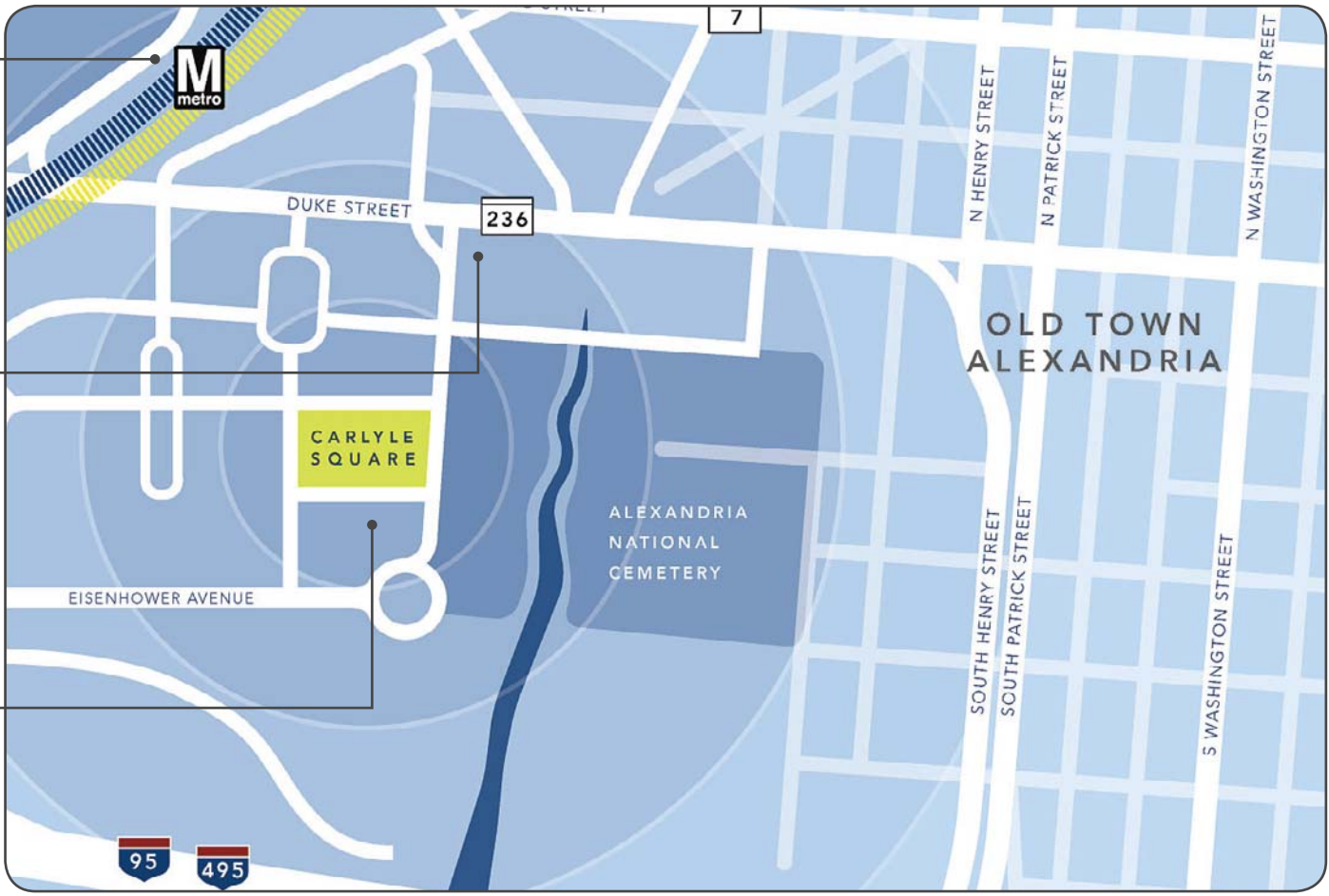
AHC, a private, nonprofit developer of low- and moderate-income housing, aids Arlington County by selling reduced-price units at Arlington Oaks, also a converted apartment complex.

Arlington resident Jill G., who wished not to be identified, got on the notification list for Arlington Oaks, even though she works in Montgomery County as a social worker. She met the criteria of liv-

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Cindy Zukofsky, who bought an apartment via an employer-assisted housing program, advises others to seek similar help. "You deserve to pay less," she said.

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ing in Arlington, earning a modest salary and not owning a home. The 32-year-old had been renting in Crystal City with a roommate for about five years. She wanted to find a place of her own, after her roommate decided to move out, but Jill wasn't willing to give up the Arlington community.

One day in March of this year, she began surfing the Internet to assess whether it would make more sense economically to buy a condo or rent a one-bedroom place in Arlington. The last time she had priced condos was three years ago.

Since housing prices had skyrocketed since then, Jill realized she could no longer afford the area. New construction was stratospherically pricey, and even older buildings like Arlington Oaks were beyond her means. And, yet, the rents were all too high at the apartments she liked. Then, Jill discovered AHC's Web site. She immediately called the organization.

That weekend, Jill took a six-hour class — a sort of Home Buying 101 — required for placement on

the notification list.

She found the daylong course tedious at times, since she was not a total novice to the home-buying process. She knew all about getting your credit in order. It is part of her job, as a social worker, to teach people about the importance of having good credit. Plus, a lender had already pre-approved her to buy a home when she was looking three years ago.

After the seminar, Jill signed up for the notification list and applied for Arlington County's low-interest loans for first-time home buyers.

Within about six weeks, the county alerted Jill about a condo that had opened up at Arlington Oaks for \$180,000. She snapped it up, closing in May and moving in July, after her lease ended.

She said the area's apartment rents are higher than her monthly mortgage payments. Jill likes that she was able to paint the interior of her place sage green without having to ask anyone for permission.

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→ A lottery system that selects and notifies eligible buyers when condos are selling at below-market prices.

→ The Moderate Income Purchase Assistance Program (MIPAP), which provides up to \$25,000 toward down payment and closing costs.

→ Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC), a special Virginia Housing Development Authority loan, offers a fixed-rate mortgage of 4.625 percent — a full point below the standard mortgage rate.

Washington, D.C.

The D.C. government's Employer Assisted Housing Program, open to D.C. government employees, matches down payment funds of up to \$1,500 and awards a deferred loan of up to \$10,000: dhcd.dc.gov/dhcd/frames.asp?doc=/dhcd/lib/

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→ D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program, for D.C. police officers, provides loans toward the purchase of a first home: dhcd.dc.gov/dhcd/frames.asp?doc=/dhcd/lib/dhcd/info/pdf/mpap2.pdf

→ There are also deals for non-government employees who live in D.C. D.C.'s Home Purchase Assistance Program offers closing-cost assistance to people who earn up to 110 percent of D.C.'s AMI — which boils down to about \$80,000 for a two-person household. The same program provides partial down payment assistance to two-person households with incomes up to \$66,000. Low-income households can get up to \$70,000 in zero-interest loans. Department of Housing and Community Development: 202-442-7200; dhcd.dc.gov

→ The National Capital Revitalization Corp. (202-467-1078; ncrcdc.com) produces condo-buying opportunities for any low-income — 30 to 80 percent of D.C.'s AMI — or moderate-income — 80 to 120 percent of the AMI — resident. Check the Web site for currently available NCRC units.

Montgomery County, Md.

The Montgomery County Council is considering a work-force housing program for the upper-moderate income category (70 and 120 percent of the AMI): montgomerycountymd.gov/dhctmpl.asp?url=/content/DHCA/housing/housing_P/housing_p.asp

→ The Moderate Priced Dwelling Unit Program (MPDU) offers condos to buyers who live or work in the county, earn less than 70 percent of the AMI and have not owned a home in the last five years: montgomerycountymd.gov a.s.

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money is going to come back to me," she said. "And I can change the color tomorrow if I want."

Jill says AHC and Arlington County made the procedure painless. "I was proactive, but I found it incredibly easy," she said. "It's a very well-oiled machine." In fact,

she opted to use one of the lenders she met at the registration seminar as her own lender.

However, there was some fine print. When Jill sells the condo, she has to let AHC buy it back for below the housing market rate at the time of sale. The unit has to go

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Thanks to a county employee housing assistance program, Jun Emmanuel Gan's family — wife Rowena and son James — live with him in a two-bedroom condo.

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back into the pot of homes reserved for moderate-income families. And because Jill didn't buy the condo at market value, she can't sell it at market price. She will receive the sale price plus 2 to 3 percent appreciation per year.

AHC has renovated and sold about 24 units to people like Jill since purchasing 60 apartments at Arlington Oaks two years ago, said Rick Holliday, AHC's homeownership asset manager. Though the building is more than 60 years old, the condos have new kitchens, new appliances, new floors and, in some cases, new windows and bathrooms.

Holliday agrees that the concept of work force housing — selling a certain number of units at below-market prices — is cost-prohibitive.

"We don't really make any money on selling these affordable units," he said. AHC sells some units at market rate — starting at \$250,000 — just to break even on the whole project.

At present, AHC does not have

future plans for another project like Arlington Oaks, but not for lack of trying. "We're always looking. It's very difficult to find projects like this in Arlington, because the prices are so high for condos," Holliday said. He expects that within the next three years, all the reduced-price units at Arlington Oaks will be gone.

In D.C., there are also new homeownership programs aimed at local worker bees. The National Capital Revitalization Corporation, the District's development arm, administers a work force housing policy for both low-income and moderate-income people. Anyone between 30 percent and 80 percent of D.C.'s AMI, which is \$90,300 for a four-person household (huduser.org/Datasets/IL/IL06/dc_fy2006.pdf) can apply to purchase affordable-rate condos, while people between 80 percent and 120 percent of D.C.'s AMI can apply for work force condos.

In 2000, the D.C. Council transferred \$297 million worth of property to NCRC for redevelopment.

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Today, the nonprofit organization requires that housing developers who build on that property sell a certain number of units to people whose incomes fall between the affordable or work force range.

For example, the 29-unit Hayes Street condo building in the Northeast neighborhood of Deanwood plans to sell all units at work force rates. In this instance, the community is open to all home buyers, no matter their income. One-bedrooms and two-bedrooms will likely start in the upper \$100s and go up to the low \$300s. Units will deliver around late 2007.

The redevelopment of the Skyland Shopping Center in Southeast Washington, envisioned as an 18.5-acre town square, will bring more work force condos to the city.

The details are unknown, but the complex will include retail space on the ground-level with a mix of affordable-, work force- and market-rate condos on a second level.



HOME SWEET BARGAIN: Cindy Zukofsky shows off the Arlington County one-bedroom condo she recently purchased.

At least 20 percent of the units will be sold below market rate.

Rose Lindsay, NCRC senior portfolio project manager, said: "We are talking to the community and the community is helping us shape the retail that is going into that space."

She says that this kind of mixed-use project can help offset the cost of affordable and work force housing, which could make the concept more palatable to developers.

"Everybody is aware that the Department of Housing and Urban Development tax credits and incentives [cannot] create the housing for the work force individuals who are in the city every day," Lindsay said, adding that NCRC is one of several nonprofit organizations in D.C. attempting to prompt builders to do something about the deficiency.

NCRC markets its work force policy to D.C. Public Schools teachers through fliers on school walls and a link on the DCPS Web site. NCRC also advertises homeowner-

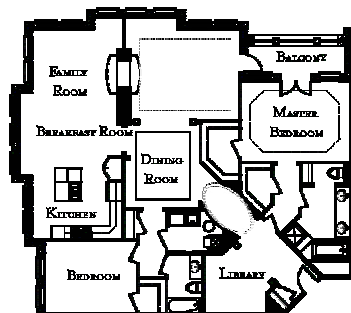
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Nine-month-old James Emmanuel Gan in the Arlington County condo his parents recently purchased via the county's employer-assisted housing program.

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Brian Friedman, managing director of real estate developer FMG, said he is pursuing a small project, the proposed Unity Square Condominiums, to fill a specific void in D.C.'s work force housing.

The property, which he says will be renamed once it is green-lighted, is a planned conversion of a domed 1907 church, one of the oldest buildings in Adams Morgan. Friedman hopes to get zoning approval by winter, go to construction next year and deliver around summer 2008.

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of five can live in than five, 300-square-foot units that only one guy can live in," Friedman said.

"You don't want someone to say, 'I'm living in a million dollar property, and I really don't fit in at all.'"

He is working with mortgage brokers, banks and the D.C. government to establish his own financial assistance program for eligible buyers.

Friedman knows the community's economic conditions firsthand, having bought a condo in the neighborhood for \$60,000 in 1997 that he watched appreciate sevenfold by the time another owner recently sold it for \$400,000. "I knew that the people I bought it from, they could never come back to the neighborhood," he said.

Today, Friedman bristles when he sees Adams Morgan denizens shoved out of the neighborhood to make room for luxury homes, he adds.

"They have the right to stay," he said. "They are firemen and police officers. Some of them are working the local shops. The people who create revenue for the community should have the ability to live there."

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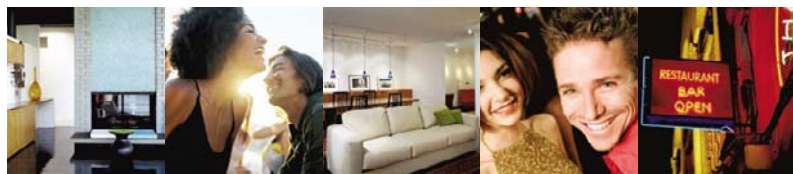
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second store, Glover Park Hardware, in 2005 and a third, Tenleytown Ace Hardware, in June — they signed a letter of intent for a fourth in an unfinished retail-residential complex north of Chinatown. Long before that anticipated 2008 opening, however, they hope to acquire several more locations to sell such proven staples as saw blades, bathtub mats, door locks, paint, flowerpots, cat litter, keys and apartment-size appliances.

Friedman credits their rapid growth — they now employ 65 — to “dense population and walk-in traffic in fairly underserved areas.

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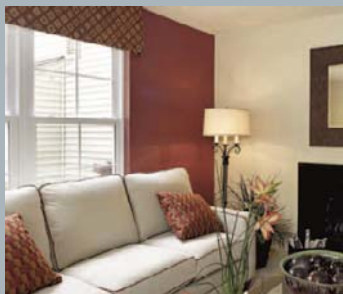
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Marc Friedman, left, and Gina Schaefer, review banking procedures the day before they officially opened their first store, Logan Hardware, in March 2003.

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There is only one Home Depot in D.C., and that's in Northeast. In the suburbs, the competition is among Home Depot, Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Big Lots, small hardware stores and dollar stores. We don't have that."

Schaefer, 35, and Friedman, 33, are part of a national center-city hardware store boomlet that includes Chicago and Manhattan, as homeownership in urban areas has become more desirable in recent years, says Chris Jensen, executive editor of Hardware Retailing.

Back in 1962, there were about 50 independently owned hardware stores listed in the Washington Yellow Pages. But recession, demographic shifts and competition took their toll. This year, only 15 independents are listed.

These new hardware emporiums consciously try to evoke a bygone era when shoppers and clerks chatted at length, stock was varied enough to create the feeling of a general store, and customer service ruled.

"You are starting to see a little bit of growing dissatisfaction with the big-box stores, a resurgence in the local hardware store and nostalgia for the old hometown feeling," says Mark Delaney, home improvement director for NPD Group, a retail and customer information firm. "A lot of that is driven by a push to installation services by the big-box stores, so the sales folks in the aisle can't help you buy a screw or nail because now they are busy helping a couple buy kitchen cabinets."

Nonetheless, small hardware stores aren't for everyone, in part

because they carry very little lumber. "They are good for Harry Homeowner who needs a light switch, a nut or bolt. It's a ma-and-pa store," says Rockville contractor Fred Gordon. "If you have a major project, you have to go to the suburbs."

The three branches will make and repair window screens, cut glass and plastic for picture frames and windows, custom-mix paint and, if pressed, even rewire lamps. Last year they cut 28,000 keys at the Logan Circle store alone, making the little metal door openers the couple's hottest seller.

Cleaning supplies are also big, some of which are eco-friendly in a nod to patrons who stream in from the heavily organic Whole Foods Markets just steps from each of their stores. "We try to balance, but a lot of people really want Charmin and Windex," Schaefer says.

The couple seek to peg inventory to neighborhoods. "In Logan, we really cater to small condo owners with Elfa shelving, small housewares and appliances," she says. "Also, we carry a lot of fancy things like shower curtain rings and liners — girly stuff. In Glover Park, there is a little more emphasis on families."

Hairdresser Lisa Kane recently went to Glover Park Hardware for a halogen bulb. "I live in the neighborhood, I'm on my way to work, and before this store opened, I would have gone to Home Depot in Falls Church. Here, they have everything, they know everything."

ANNIE GROER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Randy Green of Rockville guides his boat into the dock next to Harbour Light Condominiums, one of many new complexes along the shoreline in Crisfield, Md.

Condos in Crabville

Crisfield, Md., sees changes as condos invade the small town

Each morning before dawn, Chesapeake Bay watermen gather for coffee and gossip at Gordon's Confectionery, a diner in this tiny fishing village that once bustled with crab-packing houses.

For years, they have watched the sun climb above Crisfield's shoreline of sailboat masts, seafood restaurants and a few storefronts. Now the sunrise is obscured by high-rise condo complexes that lure vacationers, retirees and baby boomers seeking second homes.

Developers hungry for waterfront land at reasonable prices discovered the quiet town of Crisfield nearly three years ago, and the best-kept real estate secret on the Eastern Shore quickly spread across the region. Investors from Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia are flocking to Maryland's southernmost town, bringing changes to the tight-knit community.

The city's jagged coast is now lined with about 250 units of condos and town houses, some selling

for nearly \$1 million. Three buildings are under construction with nine more in the works, which will add another 300 units in the next two years.

Real estate agents sometimes sell three or four units in a weekend. Forgotten lots and dilapidated houses are being snatched.

"It's a turnaround kind of town," said Randy Green, a Rockville financial planner who two years ago was among the first buyers at Harbour Light Condominiums, a complex on Crisfield's southern tip.

His friend Paul Bodbout, also from Rockville, bought a run-down house in town last month and fixes it up on weekends. He's thinking of selling it to buy a condo on the water.

"The more I come down here, the more I love it," he said from the backseat of Green's boat. "This place seems like a really good secret that's about to get out."

For now, the downtown is studied with vacant lots and boarded storefronts. Developers predict businesses, restaurants and retail outlets will catch up with the residential building boom in the next three to five years.

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JOY GARDNER/SALISBURY DAILY TIMES

New high-rise condominium complexes are going up with great speed on the formerly sleepy waterfront of the oyster- and crab-fishing town of Crisfield, Md.

But some of Crisfield's 2,700 residents worry that the new residents — or “come-heres,” as Crisfielders call them — will bring traffic and noise and put pressure on the city's deteriorating sewer system. Soaring property values, they fear, could squeeze out the remaining watermen and spoil the quaint charm.

“People come here on the weekends and then leave,” said Russell Morgan, 48, who has lived his whole life just outside Crisfield.

“When people get offered \$1 million for something that was worth \$55,000 only three years ago, they're tempted,” Morgan said. “A lot of people think it's gonna run the watermen out.”

In this one-stoplight town built on oyster shells, the flurry of building has caused quite a stir. “A sleepy town like Crisfield getting five or six condos at one time kind of overwhelmed everybody,” said Doug Nelson, a lifelong resident who co-owns Gordon's Confectionery.

Development has also sparked political controversy. In March, the city council voted to enter a contract with private development firm Crisfield Associates LLC, giving them exclusive rights to develop city-owned property or a share of the profits from projects developed by others on about 240 acres of vacant municipal land.

In June, voters ousted Crisfield's longtime mayor and two council members, electing a new lineup that promptly nixed the contract.

Since then, two development firms have offered to pay \$1.5 million to repair the leaking 1936 sewer line in exchange for approval of their plans.

Several private developers have expressed interest in building stores and restaurants on 60 vacant state-owned acres adjacent to the Somers Cove Marina

in the center of town. For example, Shaw Development LLC, the company behind the 23-unit Captain's Galley Condominiums near the city dock, wants to build 80 more units, as well as a hotel and conference center there.

“The people who are buying here have money,” said Jim Gay, a partner with Baltimore-based Shaw Development. “We need to give them places to use it.”



MATTHEW S. GUNBY/SALISBURY DAILY TIMES

The Chesapeake Bay's seafood has long made Crisfield a commercial port.

A proposed ferry to tote tourists across the Bay between Crisfield and Reedville, Va., has been under debate for years. A recent study indicated the ferry would bring strong economic growth. “It's been moving real slow, but I think a lot of people are leaning toward wanting the ferry,” said Valerie Mason, director of the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce. “We need a through-way here to draw on the people who need hotels, gas stations and stores. It would really help the business.”

To some longtime Crisfielders, the town is already unrecognizable. But Deborah Wessel, 58, welcomes the change. Several out-of-town-ers have even made offers on her house, which isn't for sale. “The landscape looks different,” she said as she stood on the dock. “Maybe we'll even get a second traffic light.”

KIM HART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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